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How shall they PREACH, except they be sent?—*Rom.* x. 15.

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## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

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### XII.—CALLING A CHURCH AND HOUSING IT

N February, 1881, my attention was called by the superintendent to an opening for a new Congregational church in Denver. Corner lots had been selected in a good location, near a new school building. It was later learned that ex-Governor Hunt had given these lots to his mother-in-law, an active member of the Central Church, and she had offered them to that church if they would start a new enterprise there. But the Central people declined the offer, fearing that the support of the proposed enterprise would be too great a burden. Then the good lady offered us the lots, on condition that we build a church on them within a year. This she did all the more willingly because her deceased husband had been a Congregationalist. Then came a letter from the Home Missionary Society seconding the superintendent's urgency that I take pastoral charge of the new work. The pang of even considering the question of parting with a people that had become so dear—a church that had grown up for five years under one's unceasing labor and prayer, with its Sunday-school, prayer-meetings, young people's circles, etc.—only those can understand who have passed through similar experience. I had come to this people because the Lord had plainly led me, so plainly that when he called on us to bury two children and a mother on the journey, and to tremble for the life of another child, we took it, not as a rebuke for coming, but as a preparation for the peculiar field. And the Lord visibly prospered us. New members had been welcomed at every one of the twenty-seven communion services. About 240 had been received to the church; its house had been built and paid for, and a new church had been started at Manitou. But I had come, not



merely for this church, whose interests were constantly on my heart and in my prayers. The work in all the New West was on my heart also; and among all the good qualities of my people none impressed me more than did their willingness to pray and give for the work in all this region and in "the regions beyond."

The outcome of much thought, study, conference, and prayer was the conviction that the Lord called me to the new field in Denver, and then came the buying of a lot and the building of a house before moving the family. While the house was going up a thief stole nearly thirty dollars' worth of nails bought and stored in the temporary tabernacle used for the new church enterprise—showing conclusively that a church was needed in that section. Not wishing to have his lumber stolen also, the pastor for many nights slept with his clothes on in the cold tent on a pile of shavings or a row of chairs. It was not exactly comfortable, but necessary. A brother insisted that the missionary take a revolver with him at night. Not knowing how to use it, the preacher returned it after one night, saying he preferred to use moral suasion.

One night, hearing a noise at his lumber pile, he saw a man making off with some boards. He remonstrated, and the man said he was only getting a board to lie down and



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sleep on—a new proof that a church was needed there. But in the course of time the house was ready, and the new work begun in earnest.

The call to this new field had come from the Home Missionary Society. Instead of being called by a church, the missionary proceeded to call a church. It remained to be seen whether a church would come together in response to his call. All there was to start with was three vacant lots in an open field, open because there was no church nearer than about half a mile, and open, too, because beyond it to the south stretched a level plain. It was a mile from the center of the city, and on the edge of the built-up portion, a ragged edge, however. No street cars ran out in that direction, and there was no mail delivery.

Three lots in an open field ! No, that was not all. The superintendent said there was one family, a man and his wife, with no means, who would help, and possibly one or two women besides, and he promised to move to Denver himself, which would be more central for his work, and go into the new church and help it all he could. The good woman who had given the lots would also give her presence and influence, but probably not her church letter. Then back of the enterprise was the grand old Home Missionary Society, mother of so many churches ; and back of that was a denomination, not many but much, which was just awaking to the importance of pushing its work in growing cities. And back of all was the Bible, the glorious Gospel, prayer, a divine Savior, and a mighty God. Surely the enterprise must succeed.



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A tabernacle, with a board floor, forty-five by twenty-five feet, was put up in two days at an expense of \$248, which was contributed by friends in the city. April 10th a Sunday-school was started in it with an attendance of eighty. In the afternoon 150 persons assembled, most of them from the First and Second churches, and the pastor of the First church preached an eloquent sermon on "Immanuel, God with us." The pastor began work in May, and organized a church, May 28th, of nine members, of whom five were from his and the

superintendent's families. Only five of them were present at the organization. The pastor of the Second church preached and gave the right hand of fellowship. All the Christians present were asked to rise as an expression of sympathy with, and good wishes for, the new church.

The following week the pastor called at 120 houses in that part of the city. All nations and all denominations seemed to be represented among the people. Many were glad to have a church near them, but most of them were poor and could not help much. Fifty were at church the next Sunday morning, one-third of the number being children. Ninety-three were at Sunday-school, and sixty at the evening service. There were seventeen at the first prayer-meeting, which was full of good cheer and hope.

In July only two more were added to the church, and in September one more. Then the superintendent, upon whose help the pastor had counted so much, resigned to accept an important position at the East, and soon the excellent Sunday-school superintendent, who had expected to come in with all his family, decided to locate in another part of the city. Things looked discouraging, but they only looked so. The only man on the ground to go into the enterprise at first had to fill the offices of deacon, trustee, clerk, member of building committee, also Sunday-school treasurer, clerk, and teacher.

The pastor had been back and forth between Denver and his family, who were still at the old field, and it so happened that when he finally took his family to Denver there was no one at the depot whom they knew except the liquor seller to whose vote he had objected in a prohibition caucus. A reception was given to the pastor and his family in the tabernacle. In his remarks the pastor said that his wife was going to give all the wedding fees for a time to the new church. In a few minutes he was called to his house to marry a couple, and soon returned with five dollars for the new church.

In August he organized a society among the boys of the Sunday-school, similar to the one at the other place. As their fathers were all employed on the railroad, he got passes for the boys and took them for two or three days to Manitou to visit the cave and other places of interest. They slept two nights on the floor of the new church there. The boys enjoyed the trip hugely, but it was not very restful to the pastor.

The tabernacle would answer only for the summer, and even in summer it was very uncomfortable on hot days. A church must be built at once, and upon the pastor fell the work of raising funds and paying bills. A building committee was appointed, but the members of it were all busy men and could not give much time to the work. It was decided to build a brick chapel, to cost about \$3,000. But where was the money coming from? Of course the Building Society would give about \$500 "to pay last bills," but the remaining \$2,500, or, as it proved, rather, the remaining \$3,000, where was it? The First and Second churches were straining every nerve to build, and not much could be expected from them. The pastor made an appeal through his paper, and in response many sums came from all over the land, none of them large, but all of them encouraging. Five dollars came from a missionary in Turkey, who believed heartily in Home Missions in America. Six hundred and eighty-five came from friends and churches at the East. Seven hundred and seventy-four from friends in East Denver, of which the First church gave \$446. One thousand one hundred and forty-six dollars was raised in the vicinity of the church, one man giving \$500 of it. The pastor, being a comparative stranger in the city, labored at a disadvantage in solicit-



ing funds. Many hot days he walked the streets and called on one and another with his subscription paper. He had some pleasant surprises and some sore disappointments. The rebuff of one man of his own denomination so hurt his feelings that during an eight years' residence he never felt like doing any trading with that man.

Another store he never cared to enter again because of the profanity he heard from the proprietor, though it was not addressed to him. There were in all 258 donors to the building fund, besides many hundred more in twelve churches and Sunday-schools that helped.

The pews, cushions, and other furniture of a dead church in the



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEST DENVER, COLORADO

mountains, the first of our order in Colorado, were bought for thirty dollars. They originally cost six or eight hundred. Stoves were bought at auction, and the ladies worked hard to get a new carpet. The church was finished in eight weeks after the corner-stone was laid. The pastor paid all bills and took receipts. One of the contractors was unduly urgent for his pay. He was not willing to wait a few days for a remittance from the Building Society. The pastor went to a bank, stated his case, and received a loan of \$500 with no security but his own name. It was desired to dedicate on October 16th. Eight hundred dollars was still to be raised before that day, as some objected to dedicating the church before the money was all pledged. On the Tuesday before that date the

lady who gave the lots, Mrs. Kellogg, put into the pastor's hands \$500 in gold, given by her son-in-law, ex-Governor Hunt, as a memorial gift for his deceased wife, whose home had been in that vicinity. That heavy load in the pastor's hands took a heavier load from his heart. Three hundred dollars more had to be raised, and it was raised. The church had to be cleaned, seats painted and put in, and various other things done, all of which were done. The pastor and his helpers finished the work at nine o'clock Saturday night, and on Sunday the church was filled at the dedication service, at which only a collection for church expenses was taken. The pastor believed in throwing at once upon the church a responsibility for the salary and other running expenses. Although there were so few to give and they so poor, yet mainly by Sunday collections and weekly pledges \$500 was raised the first year for the salary, and \$200 of it was raised in the six months while they were building the church. The first year was closed without debt, and after that the church made it a rule to close every year free of debt. Whatever arrears there might be were made up on the last two Sundays.

Getting that church started and the building erected and paid for was the hardest work, the pastor thought, that he had ever done. It took a good deal of prayer and shoe leather. When some one asked him afterwards the secret of success in the New West, his answer was, "You must work all day and pray all night."



## ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

REV. JOSEPH H. CHANDLER, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, takes evident delight in sending to the Society a copy of a resolution passed by the church there. He says: "The vote was taken on Sunday evening, November 8th. Superintendent Grassie was present, and gave the church a fitting charge in response to the resolutions.

"For one reason I regret that the time of my service as a Home Missionary has expired. The relation of a missionary to the Society which is 'the mother of churches' is a help to patient continuance in well doing when local conditions are disheartening.

"After nearly ten years of nurturing care by the Society the church is now on pretty secure foundations. It was organized in August, 1886. After some six years of work under various pastors the church had only about twenty resident members, but had a good house of worship, with \$2,000 debt. During the pastorate of Rev. W. L. Bray, about two years, the resident membership was increased to thirty-three, but the building debt was increased. During the past two years the resident membership has been doubled, sixty-six being the number now on the ground; the

building debt has been reduced the past year \$1,800, and the remaining \$1,000 is secured as a five-year loan from the Church Building Society. The debt was increased from \$2,000 to \$2,800 by repairs and accrued interest. The church is still weak, but the critical period is passed and a good future is reasonably secure."

The resolution, passed by a standing vote, is as follows :

*Whereas*, The Congregational Church Society of Rhinelander ceased, on the first day of the present month, to be a missionary church, and has determined to be from that time and henceforth self-supporting and independent ; and

*Whereas*, We recognize the great and permanent benefit conferred upon this church and congregation by the kind and generous aid furnished to us by the Congregational Home Missionary Society when we were young and weak, and which has given strength and preserved life and cleared away almost limitless difficulties, until to-day this church stands alone and firm in its young manhood ;

*Therefore, Resolved*, by the church and congregation at Rhinelander, that our gratitude is due to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, and to Rev. T. G. Grassie, its efficient superintendent in this field. " At the hands of both we have ever received kind consideration, with faithful and wise counsel.

*Resolved*, That we put on the harness, "not boastingly but hopefully," with a strong determination to go on faithfully, to run the course courageously, and so to do the work of the church in this community that our "foster-mother" shall not regret the loving care bestowed upon our infancy.



## THE MISSION OF "THE FREEZE"

BY MRS. ROSA T. SHELTON, DERBY, CONNECTICUT

PERHAPS the section of the country giving promise of most rapid advance along avenues of worldly prosperity and growth in Christian grace at the present time is Florida, "frozen Florida," as it is called since its sudden freeze of a year ago. One would naturally think the State in a well-nigh hopeless condition. Her sad, dead orange groves reach out their stiffened limbs as if in appeal to the passer-by, and the somber gray moss adds to the general tint of mourning, covering in masses the gaunt branches of her old live-oaks, leaving only palmettos and palms to prove the life left in her, with here and there a sickly rosebush which has defied the frost, or a sweet yellow jasmine, to prove that there is still virtue in Florida's frost-bitten sand.

The beauty of Florida, her glory in the past, is gone for a time, and



the tourist who is still loyal to her balmy air must turn his attention to more subtle charms than golden oranges and delicate perfumes. He must expect to find the sunshine dull and cold without that yellow glow over all her landscape which Florida has boasted in times gone by, and now the sleepy alligator, the soft breeze, and the despised scrub-palm must testify alone to her semi-tropical latitude, and alone must they give promise of better days that will surely come.

But in this very death must Florida place her hope of a resurrection. In this terrible calamity lies her greatest good. The orange industry has been such an all-absorbing one that it seems not to have occurred to the Floridian that any other might be necessary or desirable. All thought has been concentrated on the growing of oranges, and orange culture has paid. Abundant returns have been the result. But while carrying on this industry the people of Florida have been living on canned food and condensed milk. Few fresh vegetables, little fresh meat, and almost no milk have been known to form the ordinary bill of fare, because few had ever attempted to raise such luxuries, and apparently few could. To be sure, cows were sometimes kept wandering about among the unpalatable undergrowth of the "hummock land," but they were lean and poor, and one of the Florida jokes runs to the effect that if a cup of milk is desired some one goes out and drives in the herd !

Florida's sandy soil, reminding one everywhere of a sea beach, is after all much more fertile than one would suppose, and it is said to be possible to raise small fruits and vegetables with very great success if intelligent means are used for their cultivation. So that healthy food, fresh from the soil, may easily be provided for the people of the State, and such possible crops would be the means of great income.

It is true that our New England grass does not grow in pure sand, and cows have at present a hard outlook there ; but there is a variety called wire-grass, which is inured to such surroundings, and may be cultivated easily, upon which cattle would thrive, and the use of which would do away with the expensive importation of hay from the north.

Besides the products of the soil, which care and study and perhaps irrigation would make possible, those people in Florida who have remained, and have risen above the terrible depression of "the freeze," tell us that many industries hitherto unthought of there are coming to men's minds, and an energetic effort is even now about to be made in many lines. Then, even though the frosts come, as they may come from time to time, there will still be left in Florida full means of support.

Had it not been for this sudden wiping out of property the State might never have felt the necessity of a broader interest and a wider field of industry. The calamity, dreadful as it was, bringing extreme poverty and suffering to hundreds of people, may yet be recognized as

one of those events in a country's history which have helped to work out that country's salvation, bitter though the experience has been. It has opened the eyes of the people of Florida to possibilities which are boundless.

But this is not all. It is a sad truth that character needs adversity at times for its better development and strength, and there is scarcely a section of the country in this whole United States which has not had its peculiar disaster, through which its people have grown stronger and better prepared to meet new ills. Such is the effect of "the freeze" on Florida. Somewhat unconsciously there has grown into the hearts of the people a more definite feeling of trust and of responsibility, and their own trouble has brought the trials and needs of others nearer to them. Florida is making sacrifices in these days for the home missionary work, within her borders and without, which few other sections of country can equal. There seems to have been borne in upon her own consciousness, simultaneously with her great misfortune, a crying need of moral and spiritual work in this country which has left a deep impress and is bringing about substantial results. Florida is poor, yet out of her poverty she is giving generously to help along her sister States.

At the recent Florida State Association meeting there was a decided atmosphere of earnestness and interest in all things pertaining to real work. People gathered from all parts of the State, from Palm Beach and Lake Worth in the south, Tampa in the west, Jacksonville in the north, and even from the far west of Florida—the strip which extends so far toward the setting sun—until Winter Park, the place of gathering, was filled with the delegates. One might naturally expect among such a large number of representative people to find concentrated discouragement under the condition of things, but little was said of "the freeze," and no discouragement could be detected. The whole atmosphere promised only strong effort toward pushing all good work untiringly, and when church after church quietly made known its own effort toward lifting the Home Missionary Society's debt, and helping along expenses in this trying time, one could not but feel surprised at the generous spirit shown.

One little church down on the Indian River, in the midst of the desolate frozen district, a church of only twenty-six members, had raised one full share for the Howard Roll of Honor, and here and there another share had been the outcome of pure self-sacrifice.

In these ways, and many others, have the people of Florida grown out of their calamity into a state of stronger purpose and of greater consecration. Who knows, after all, what may prove to be the real mission of "the freeze"?

" Things that hurt and things that mar  
Shape the man for perfect praise ;  
Shock and strain and ruin are  
Friendlier than the smiling days."

## REPORTS OF RELIGIOUS AWAKENING

A BLESSED YEAR'S WORK.—Here ends another year's work, one of the most blessed and satisfactory years I ever devoted to the Master's cause. I have suffered much with rheumatism, but on the whole, I believe it has been the happiest and best year of my life. I have seen over 200 souls turn to the loving Christ, and the most of them came into our church. I have just closed a twelve days' meeting at Choctaw City, a town of about 150 inhabitants, with eighteen or twenty hopeful conversions, and go to-day to Tecumseh County to hold a ten days' meeting.—*Oklahoma.*

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BUSY TO GOOD PURPOSE.—I have been busy most of the time in special meetings, here and at two out-stations, with cheering results and fifty conversions. We yesterday closed a three weeks' series of meetings at another out-station with the reception of thirteen members.—*Nebraska.*

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THIRTY-FIVE HAPPY CONVERTS.—I conducted revival meetings here in Hubbard for four weeks, which resulted in fifteen or eighteen hopeful conversions and a general quickening of the church. Six of the number united with us, with more to come in at our next communion. Then I held special meetings at Smyrna church for two weeks, where we had twenty conversions. In these meetings I had no outside help whatever.—*Oregon.*

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FORTY ACCESSIONS.—The revival of which I gave you a somewhat detailed account, closing last December, resulted at last in forty accessions to church membership, important additions to our Endeavor Societies, Sunday-school, etc., and new life and resolution all around.—*Missouri.*

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TWENTY CONVERTS.—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting with twenty conversions and eighteen good accessions to our little band. I believe we have as good a church for its size as any in the Territory.—*Oklahoma.*

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FIVE ADDED.—Our Sunday-school is doing better work now than ever before, our prayer-meetings are more spiritual, and our congregations are very good. At our communion service we received five good members.—*Indiana.*

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SIXTEEN OR MORE.—When Rev. A. E. Thomson came here, the first week in March, to hold a three days' Christian Convention, he found a responsive people. Christians were ready to make complete surrender, and a goodly number, sixteen or more, turned to God, resolved hereafter



to live Christian lives. The whole community has been roused to a new sense of responsibility and of privilege. To comfort, lead, teach, and inspire them in their daily work for the Master is my duty, more fully realized and more keenly felt than ever before.—*South Dakota*.

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ELEVEN GATHERED IN.—Since the preaching on Sunday evenings, the Sabbath-school, and most of the prayer-meetings have been conducted in English, the attendance has gradually increased. The beginning of this month we held English services every night for two weeks, and as a result eleven are to be received into the church next Sabbath, most of them young people.—*Pennsylvania (Welsh)*.

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MARKED GROWTH.—Our revival services have been blessed of the Lord and many precious souls are saved. Three years ago, Congregationalists were not known here, but during the three years 142 have been received into the church, of whom 128 still hold their membership here. During this time seven Sunday-schools have been organized.—*Oregon*.

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GAINING.—Special meetings held for two weeks yielded fairly good results. Some six or eight united with us on the first of April. Our Christian Endeavor has been reorganized on stronger and more hopeful lines and now numbers close upon fifty members.—*South Dakota*.

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GREATLY REVIVED.—We are now in the midst of a great revival conducted by C. N. Crittenden, evangelist.—*Idaho*.

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EIGHT MORE CONVERTS.—We held a two weeks' meeting in January, in which much good was done. Eight professed conversion; ten more expressed a desire to become Christians.—*Washington*.

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SIXTY-THREE ADDED AND GENEROUSLY WORKING.—We have had a most successful revival meeting under Evangelist J. H. Elliott, resulting in the addition of sixty-three to the church; of these additions thirty-one are heads of families, twenty-two are young men and young women, ten are children ranging in age from nine to twelve years. We feel able to reduce our claim upon the Society to \$500 for next year.—*Washington*.

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SIX ADDED.—At our communion yesterday we had six additions, all adults, three on confession. Among the latter was a man, a life-long cripple from curvature of the spine, who was raised as a Romanist, but was alienated from that church by the promulgation of the infallibility of the Pope, and since then had never found a church home till he became acquainted with us. He is a true Christian in spirit, earnest and

thoughtful. Another, also, a lady, I believe was once under Romish influences. By letter came a physician and his wife, temporarily in the city, a man of ability and noble character.—*Maryland*.

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FIVE MORE.—We have received five on confession of faith, all adults, and have baptized three adults.—*California*.

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TRANSFORMED.—We have been greatly blessed, especially at Springdale. A revival there has resulted in over twenty additions to our church. The revival has changed the character of the entire community, and the good work is still going on.—*Washington*.

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SPIRITUAL IMPROVEMENT.—There is marked improvement spiritually. This is the fourth and last week of a protracted meeting in our church. There has been good attendance and growing interest, with four very hopeful conversions and others seriously moved. We trust we shall yet see more conversions and additions.—*Oklahoma*.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS AWAKE.—“Praise the Lord!” At the Christian Endeavor meeting last Sunday evening, four young men testified for Christ for the first time, and many others renewed their consecration in unmistakable words. This we hope is the beginning of better things. One young man, the ablest in the place, has already been admitted into membership by vote of the church, but not yet by baptism.—*Minnesota*.

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A GAIN OF FIVE.—I have one new preaching point about nine miles west of McAlester, where there have been five hopeful conversions.—*Indian Territory*.

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GRACIOUS OUTPOURING.—Our church, with several others here, has been greatly blessed. Throughout the whole community a profound religious interest has been awakened, and nearly one hundred souls have been converted. We held a two weeks' protracted meeting, conducted one week by Rev. W. C. Veazie, our State Evangelist, who gave us strong spiritual truth which strengthened, enlightened, and built up the church. We were also kindly assisted by Rev. Mr. Davis, of Plevna, who took a loving interest in the children.—*Kansas*.

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THIRTEEN DAYS OF REFRESHING.—We held a series of revival meetings the first of this month, lasting thirteen days. Great good resulted; the church was revived. Many who had openly spoken against the church and religion were brought to respect both. Four people, all heads

of families, were converted, and united with the church. Many others were reached, and at our next communion we expect to receive quite a number. I have at present thirteen names on my list, all adults, and some of the best people of our town.—*Minnesota*.

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TWO WEEKS' FRUITS.—Two weeks' service, from February 8 to 22, awakened the church and some were converted. Four professed Christ, and others will not be received until later ; two removed to another city. Our services were combined with another movement, to reach by personal visitation other families in the parish, not as yet converted.—*Indiana*.

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MISS HENRY'S MEETINGS.—Gospel meetings held here by Miss E. K. Henry in February greatly helped the church and made a good impression on the community. At our next communion we receive eight new members on confession, all under twenty-five years, four young men and four young ladies.—*South Dakota*.

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LIGHT FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS.—Opposition has ceased, and we have now the best feeling that ever existed in the town between the denominations, shown by a hundred coming to a union prayer-meeting. People came six miles from all directions, and the whole county was moved. Meetings have been held four miles east of us with some twenty conversions, west with seven conversions, and south with several conversions. I am holding meetings at a schoolhouse, five miles southeast, with eight conversions. The house is full, good work is done, and God is with us.—*Kansas*.

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## IN MONTMORENCY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

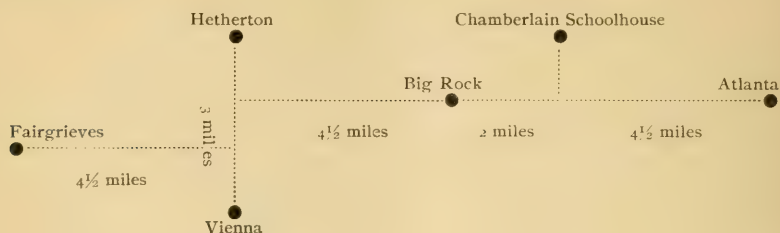
BY REV. J. P. SANDERSON

ONE of the most interesting of our home missionary fields in Michigan is that of the Vienna and Briley churches in Montmorency County, in the northeastern part of the Lower Peninsula. Covering a territory of twenty miles, the missionary has two classes of people to which to minister : the new settlers, locating upon the hardwood land, and who are steadily developing what will be a good agricultural district, and the lumbermen in the camps in the pine woods.

The Vienna church consists of three stations—Hetherton, Vienna, and Fairgrievies ; the Briley, or Big Rock church ; also of three stations—Big Rock, Chamberlain Schoolhouse, and Atlanta. The accompanying dia-



gram illustrates the relative location of these stations and the distances between them.



The missionary writes : At Hetherton, which is the strongest place on the field, we have just closed a series of meetings with eight conversions and a great interest among the people. At Vienna we have just started a series of meetings and are hopeful of good results. There is a good interest among the people. At Fairgrievies there are only twelve families and one camp, but we have nine members among them. At Big Rock we have just started a singing school ; there is a large group of young people. Atlanta is the county seat.

On the 7th of November we had a very heavy snow storm, and I found it very hard traveling to Hetherton. When I got there I found one man outside ; the door was locked, and I at once went for the key ; but the old teacher had gone and another had taken charge who lived a mile away in another direction. When I returned there were some eight or ten gathered, and when the key was finally secured there were about twenty of us, and it gave me great encouragement to see some that had come two miles through the storm, and several had walked over a mile and stood out in the storm more than half an hour. I was sorry that I had to make the service short to enable me to get to my next appointment, which was eight miles distant.

Here I found only four men, but was glad to see any. I was not in the least discouraged, for I think it was the most enjoyable service I held. I sat and talked to these men on the First Psalm, and felt that it was a very profitable service. Only one was a Christian, and I trust that that service will be a great factor in leading the other three to Christ. The evening service was better attended.

We are living in our new parsonage, which the Vienna church are purchasing ; all the arrangements for its purchase we trust will be completed in a few days. We expected to do considerable repairing and intended to put on a new wing this fall, but winter came earlier than we anticipated. From the second to the sixteenth of November it snowed nearly every day ; so we shall leave the building until spring.

During our special meeting at Hetherton there were eight conversions ;

two men who were over fifty, and another about forty, now a member of the church, and it seems to me the happiest man in the whole township. I had had several conversations with him at his home on the subject, and for a time he was under deep conviction, his wife and many friends praying for him. The other men have both given testimony several times, as have also the women.

My wife is giving lessons on the organ to the young people, so that we hope to have a number of organists in the future. It is hard work to find one now in any part of the field. We shall start a singing school at Hetherton in a few weeks.

We have purchased a horse and buggy this quarter, and, thanks to our Cincinnati friend, have been able to harness the one into the other. Now we have to purchase a cutter and robes for the winter. It has caused us a little self-denial in several ways, but we still go marching on.

We have had several experiences in traveling which older and wiser heads would have avoided, and some which could not have been avoided. We carried an ax for some time. It is new business to me to come out from a preaching service and before traveling two miles have to take off my coat and cut a large tree out of the way. I suppose the orthodox Jew would have drawn the line there.

In a later letter the missionary writes :

I have been looking up a second-hand cutter, and I think I am fairly on the track of one. Since my last we have had four conversions, one an old man near sixty, and an old lady about the same age, and a man and his wife for whom we have long been praying. Four others raised their hands for prayer to-night, and I know right well that there will be a breaking down in a few days. There are three or four men waiting for others to take the lead.

I am truly happy on account of the prospect before us, but I am very tired in body. One of our members I have heard is dying, but my horse is too tired and I am too weary to go to-night, but we will go in the morning. I am weak and tired and feel very lean spiritually; it seems to me I need a warming up in my own soul. I lack the touch of fellow ministers and Christian workers, and it is a sore need. I ask an interest in your prayers.

Under date of December second he writes : I wrote you last week that I would let you know how many we received into church fellowship. There were nine in all, seven on confession of faith and two by letter; there would have been more only for the fact that I was a prisoner all the week. On Tuesday the snow was two feet deep and in many places four feet, so I am not able to use my buggy. Winter has come to stay, and I am a prisoner without a cutter. I went to Lewiston to buy one on Saturday, but did not succeed. I shall try to-morrow at Gaylord.

The rest has done me good, as I was very tired when I wrote you last. We have had a meeting every night, with grand results. On Thanksgiving night we had six conversions, and there were several others during the week, so that I am feeling very happy. There are bright prospects before us for a good winter's work. The people who have confessed Christ are mostly heads of families, and from the best families.

We have had our meeting in the town hall, and it has been full several times. On Sunday a great many men from the camps could not find seats. We have made seats of planks, rough and hard, with no backs, but they come from miles distant and fill them.

We had Thanksgiving service in the morning, but only twenty-four came out ; in the evening there were a hundred, and our having the hall saved it from a big dance, and we hope now that there will not be enough interest to have any more dances.

[The letter closes with a practical illustration of the happy blending of law and Gospel in the missionary's hands, as he reports that he has appealed to the Governor of the State to interpose in preventing the selling of liquors in the community by those who are doing so without a license.]



## WORKING IN THE COLD

THE past three months, the most severe during the season, with their full complement of blizzards and storms, have given but little opportunity for outside work. The fact that we have often been unable to keep comfortably warm in a room, nine by twelve feet, with a large sixteen-inch fire-pot stove in it going at full blast, will show the kind of weather we have had.

On New Year's Day I was unable to attend a funeral ( it was of a man I had married only five weeks previously ), on account of a severe storm which lasted four days. The funeral had to be postponed for six days, and then it was so bitterly cold that only a few men could attend the services in the little shanty.

I am pleased to record one noteworthy conversion. A man who has been "under conviction" for some time accepted Christ at his home and at once commenced family worship. His wife has since professed to find Christ. He has united with the church and is a faithful and fearless witness for Jesus.

It is very difficult managing in the winter in the small houses we have to live in, and it is a marvel that there is not more sickness, though there has been not a little. Our house, which is considered of good size, measures twenty-four by twenty feet, and has but four rooms. One is used for



a store-room, so that we live actually in three rooms, one of the three being a bedroom, the others dining-room and parlor, a corner of which latter is my "study." The latter rooms are separated only by curtains, and as the children cannot go out much during the cold weather they have to play in them all day long. But I hope for the best, and if I can get a parsonage here I shall feel in better shape for work.—*North Dakota.*

### "IN A GREAT TRIAL OF AFFLICTION"

DURING the quarter I have personally suffered serious trials. My wife was eight weeks in bed with typhoid malarial fever. When she began to mend, my youngest daughter came down with the same fever, which left her with a serious nervous malady, making us very anxious. By advice of our physician I sent her, with her mother, on a visit to Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas; we having a married daughter in Fort Worth and a married son in Dallas. During their absence a son who was an attendant in the Insane Asylum in Osawatomie, Kansas, was struck a heavy blow on the head by an insane patient, that slightly fractured his skull. He had to be trephined, and twice his life was despaired of. Both times I was summoned by telegraph. The last time, the skillful asylum physicians said he had not one chance in a hundred for recovery. I stayed the last time till I could bring him home with me, and now he is recovered, thank the Lord! He is a strictly temperate Christian young man, and that was in his favor; but I think his recovery is in answer to prayer. My daughter has also recovered. With the utmost economy these things have necessarily involved me in heavy expense.—*Oklahoma.*

### A PARTING WORD

I CLOSED my work here, March 29th, and sail on the 1st of May for West Central Africa.

It is with something of sadness that I write this last report to the Society to which I owe so much. Although my time in your service has been short, yet for more than twenty years my father has been a home missionary, and my earliest recollections and most precious lessons are closely connected with the work of the American Home Missionary Society (now the Congregational Home Missionary Society) and her missionaries.

It is encouraging to see the work here beginning to take on a settled

form, the Sunday-school workers, church officers, etc., beginning to assume some of the responsibility for its progress. The church building is a mere shell and very uncomfortable. I hope to hear that they are to have another building soon. Two joined us this week, both strong workers. Indeed, the *personnel* of the church is much above the average of home missionary churches. The one great drawback is the finances. The community is desperately poor, but times will change, and my hopes for the work here are bright.—REV. F. C. WELLMAN, *Enid, Oklahoma.*



## EARLY HOME MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES

BY REV. A. D. SHOCKLEY, WYOMING

My first work was emphatically missionary work. The field was one in which other ministers had seen nothing encouraging, and so had "passed by on the other side." The "call" which invited me to this field pledged the churches for the sum of \$400 for nine months. Two churches and four out-stations were associated in the call and the pledge.

The pastor was younger than now by twenty-five years, and, undaunted by the miles that numbered a score or more between preaching places, entered with enthusiasm upon his herculean task.

There were prairies that seemed boundless; streams harmless at low tide, but full of terrors when, like the Jordan, they overflowed their banks. There were days when the sun seemed a veritable ball of fire, blistering the aching head of the unprotected pilgrim; other days when the flood-gates of heaven seemed to have been thrown open, and the drenching rain came rushing and roaring upon the pastor's "store clothes" and ran in torrents down his back. Still other days there were when the death-dealing blizzard peremptorily halted the dominie and caused him to right about face! and seek safety in some hospitable shanty till the violence of the storm abated. I will not stay to give pen portraits of notable men and women who inhabited the 1,200 miles of country embraced in my field. I may, however, give a sample or two, that the reader may understand the situation more fully. I was preaching, one Saturday evening, to a fair house, and everybody seemed attentive and interested. I incidentally spoke of the Pope—not as one who had usurped authority, or who was not worthy of reverence, but simply mentioned his name—when one of my hearers sprang to her feet, and, with an oath on her lips, while she devoutly crossed herself, flounced out of the house, to be followed by three-fifths of the congregation. Outside an indignation meeting was held, and only the coolness and courage of one of the pastor's friends (a Catholic) saved us from violence at the hands of the excited mob.

At one of my appointments it was decided to have a "grove meeting," beginning on Saturday and continuing over the Sabbath, on which day three services were to be held. As this was to be an extraordinary meeting, it was thought best to have an extraordinary preacher to attend and conduct it. The services of the superintendent were secured and the meeting began. Saturday's services were spiritual and uplifting. Only those attended who came in a worshipful spirit. The Sabbath dawned beautifully bright and pleasant. It was to be "a high day" to the people of two or three counties, and everyone was anxious not to lose a moment of the day.

The morning service would have been more helpful to this congregation but for the boisterous talking of a young gentleman (?) who persisted in standing on a stump just at the outer edge of the crowd, or walking back and forth on a log which lay some distance from the ground, one end resting on the stump from which it had been cut, and the other between two trees that stood so near together as to prevent its reaching the ground. This "log walk" was just a short distance to the right of the pulpit from which the superintendent was trying to pour a stream of eloquence that should interest and attract the congregation, or at least should divide the honors with the "man up the tree." It is greatly to be feared that neither of the contestants felt overpoweringly spiritual during the morning service!

At three p. m. the congregation reassembled, and the poor pastor was to be pitted against the Son of Belial who had so hurt the morning services. The foe was on hand, and after a few preliminary jokes, mingled with oaths, which everybody could hear, he came marching through the center aisle, turned to the left of the pulpit and walked out on a tree that had been partially uprooted by the waters of the creek. It lay almost horizontally for ten or fifteen feet from the bank, and then rose to a nearly perpendicular position, having been divided into forks by some freak of nature. Between the two limbs there was room for a good-sized person to sit and lean back against another small limb, which had possibly started in the race for treehood with the others, but, getting discouraged, had quit growing and so had died. (Aren't there other things than trees that must grow or die?)

Up to this inviting seat proudly marched our rival. He turned pompously, sat down, and threw himself back against the dead branch. There was an ominous crack, a sudden plunge backward, and my opponent was placed *hors du combat*. He was baptized, if complete immersion constitutes baptism. He waded down the stream till the sheltering bank hid him from our sight, before he left the water. But he did not trouble that congregation further. Everybody laughed, and the pastor acknowledged the feeling of a little "Adamic" satisfaction over the discomfiture of his adversary.



Once, after having preached three times on the Sabbath, and traveled twenty-five miles between services, we found it necessary to reach our home, twenty-eight miles distant, after the evening service. There had been heavy rains, and small streams were rivers; but as we had never yet met death by drowning, and the case being somewhat desperate, we started. The first eighteen miles we had moonlight, and only one stream to cross, besides a further blessing in the shape of a plain road. Here ended the moonlight, the road, and the pleasure of the ride. The pony team, however, needed neither road nor moonlight, as they had traveled across the country often. The next eight miles were gone over safely, and we were now approaching a small, heavily wooded stream, within two miles of home. The ford across the creek was shallow, but wide, and the road wound its way through the timber which, in daylight, seemed bent on crushing passing vehicles between its towering walls. There was a feeling of dampness in the air, and a sound as of rushing waters distinctly audible, and—it was so dark!

We were too near to our home, and too far from any other human habitation, to entertain a motion to postpone the crossing till daylight should make the crossing less dangerous. The wise little ponies felt their way cautiously, bracing themselves against the current, which struck them almost squarely in front as the road turned up stream to secure an easy ascent from its bed. Soon we were afloat, horses, buggy, and driver. Trusting in God and the team, we reached the bank safely, and in a few minutes the crowing of the lords of the barnyard at home announced the approaching day, and the speedy end of our journey.

The time for which I had engaged to do such work having now expired, I declined another unanimous "call" from the same field, lest the rapidity with which I was growing rich might lead to pride and a love of the world. During the nine months I had traveled 4,000 miles, preached 156 times, and received for these services forty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents!



## A SORROWFUL HEART

THIS has been the most trying period of my life; the awakening of my greatest hopes, the experience of my greatest sorrows. On the 9th of January my beloved wife, GERTRUDE GRANT, passed over the river. She died after six hours of unconsciousness, during which time our son was born. I saw her die without a sigh, a groan, or a struggle, without knowing her child was born, or recognizing any of us. I did not dream of such a possibility, and I am crushed by it. I know she is in Jesus' keeping, for her life was one of faith in him and loving service in his cause. She

was to me the strongest proof of the reality of his power, and her trust and confidence were a sheet anchor to me in this trying and difficult work. But I never knew before what lonesomeness meant. For she was my best companion in thought and word and deed, and our life together was begun and ended in Christian love. It seemed as if our tastes, aims, and hopes were all truly one. To separate after nearly seven years almost tears my heart out. I have prayed honestly and earnestly to be kept from sinning in asking to be taken with her, and I know now how weak and dependent I am. Join with me in prayer that I may be made a better servant of our Lord by this loss, and do better preaching and work. My boy lives, and my heart is anxious that he may grow up a Christian worthy of his beloved mother. We prayed that he might be a godly child. Thus my hopes are dashed and others given in their place. I believe I shall come to a deeper faith and love in our blessed Lord and Master, because he holds my greatest earthly love and treasure.—REV. E. P. CHILDS, *Oregon*.



### FRONTIER SERVICE

I AM preaching all through the Montezuma Valley and have to travel over two of the Indian Reservations. I have learned to talk some in their language. It is frontier life and a very rough class of people, made up of cowboys and old frontiersmen. But they are good-hearted, if a person only has the faculty of gaining their affections. The Lord has wonderfully blessed my work here and has given me many souls. There is a great awakening in the valley and my meetings are well attended. Cowboys and others come into them with guns and knives strapped around them, and I have some great experiences. But God is with me. All the people, including the Indians, are very good to me. I receive from them no salary, as the country is at present very poor, but in time the people will be able to support a minister.—*Colorado*.



### THE MISSIONARY PIG

THE preacher had said to his little country congregation that the parents must train their children to be interested in missionary work. "Let them do something themselves to earn money for missionary work," said he, among many other suggestions

In talking the subject over at home, one farmer decided to give his

boys a little pig to raise for Home Missions. The boys were delighted, and at once named the little rooter "The Missionary Pig."

Every day when the boys fed the pigs, they took good care to select the finest of the corn and the richest of the slops for "the Missionary." In fact, this particular pig was often called away from his companions and given an extra morsel of some kind. So it came to pass that "the Missionary pig" became more fair and well-favored than his companions, and also became very much attached to his little masters. The father often said to the boys in a laughing way that he believed they showed partiality for "the Missionary."

At length a "hog buyer" came around and the pigs were sold. The boys did not like to give up their pet, but found comfort in the thought that "the Missionary pig" brought more money than any other pig in the lot, and they had nearly *nine dollars* to send to the Home Missionary Society!

What multitudes of missionary pigs, calves, sheep, turkeys, chickens, etc., could be raised by farmers' children, if they were encouraged to do it! And what a large amount of money would so find its way into the home missionary treasury!

But, best of all, what deep and lifelong interest in missionary work would be awakened in the children who gather the money!



## DECEASE OF REV. W. H. EVANS

THE Rev. W. H. Evans died at Big Lake, Minn., on January 26, 1896, of congestion of the brain, after an illness of less than a week. Mr. Evans was born in London, England, in 1848, and was therefore in his forty-eighth year. He was left an orphan before he was five years old, his father dying on shipboard while coming to this country. His mother died about two years after.

He was then cared for by friends, and in 1863, when less than fifteen years old, he enlisted on the United States war ship "Argosy," and served in the operations before Vicksburg and other Southern ports. He was honorably discharged in 1865, and for several years sailed on lake and ocean vessels. At the age of eighteen he was converted at a revival meeting conducted by an Evangelical Association Church. Feeling called to give himself to the ministry, he prepared himself by careful study, and was ordained by the United Brethren Conference of Ohio in 1880.

Mr. Evans entered the Congregational ministry in 1892, his first and only charge being with the Big Lake church. His work there was emi-



nently successful in strengthening the cause, in winning souls to Christ, and in caring for the outlying districts. At one of these points, Onocks, a church was formed which promises to be a great blessing in that community.

The leading characteristics of Mr. Evans's ministry were unbounded enthusiasm and consecration, conscientiousness, a faithful presentation of the truth, and a geniality which won the good will and sympathy of all. The esteem in which he was held was shown in the immense audience which gathered at the funeral, many driving over sixteen miles to be present. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Messrs. J. H. Morley, State Superintendent of Missions, G. E. Soper, R. S. Cross, and William Moore.—W. M.



## THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING—1896

THE seventieth annual meeting of the Congregational Home Missionary Society will be held in the First Church of New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 2, 3, and 4, 1896. The Annual Sermon will be preached by REV. DANIEL MERRIMAN, D.D., of Worcester, Mass., on Tuesday evening, and there will be morning, afternoon, and evening sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. The programme of services, the railway fares, and other particulars will be given in the June issue of *The Home Missionary*, and in the religious and secular papers.

Arrangements are not yet completed, but there is reason to expect that substantially the same reduction of railway fares will be granted this year as heretofore.

Below we give a partial list of hotels and boarding-houses that have agreed to receive guests in our anniversary week at prices in most cases materially reduced from their regular charges. The list may be increased later.

Persons writing to the New Haven House, and mentioning the Home Missionary Anniversary, may receive special rates if convenient at the time. Those desiring special information as to rooms and board may write to Mr. Ernest F. Hill, East Divinity Hall, New Haven, Conn.

### HOTELS

New Haven House, \$4.00 per day ; Majestic, \$3.00 per day ; Westmoreland, \$2.00 per day ; Elliott House, \$2.00 per day ; Tremont, \$2.00 per day ; Winthrop, \$1.50 per day.

## BOARDING-HOUSES—AT \$1.75 AND \$2.00 PER DAY

Mrs. Smith, 316 Crown street.

## AT \$1.50 PER DAY

Grove Hall, 33 Grove street ; Mrs. Thompson, 94 York Square ; Mrs. C. K. Nichols, 90 Whalley Avenue ; Mrs. Herrick, 92 York Square ; Mrs. Lombard, 74 Lake Avenue.

## AT \$1.00 AND \$1.25 PER DAY.

Mrs. Forbes, 339 Orange Street ; Mrs. E. S. Burt, 61 Prospect Street ; Mrs. Cameron, 254 Crown Street ; Mrs. Beckwith, 108 Howe Street ; Mrs. Briggs, 636 State Street ; Mrs. Hayden, 514 Chapel Street ; Mrs. Lyon, 552 Chapel Street ; Mrs. Cowles, 16 Olive Street ; Mrs. Fowler, 111 Edge-wood Avenue ; Mrs. Haight, 99 Howe Street.

## ROOMS WITHOUT BOARD AT 75 CENTS PER DAY.

Mrs. Mix, 138 College Street ; Miss Smith, 289 George Street ; Mrs. Hewlett, 120 College Street ; Divinity Hall, *for men only*.



## THE GENERAL O. O. HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR

Previously acknowledged.....	732
Subscriptions added below.....	87
Total number of shares.....	819

[In reporting the following list of additional pledges on the General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor, we are gratified to be able to state that all of the Society's obligations for the fiscal year, ending March 31st, have been met from current receipts. Eighty thousand dollars have also been paid upon the heavy debt with which the previous year closed. There now remains a balance of some fifty-two thousand dollars upon that debt, for the payment of which the General Howard Roll of Honor was inaugurated at the Annual Meeting in June last. This is a noble response to the call of the honored President of the Society. For the completion of this monument to the name of General Howard and the wiping out of the entire debt with which the seventieth year opened, the Society looks to the friends of the work—more than eight hundred of whom have already responded. Let five hundred more have a share in the Howard Roll of Honor. The subscription books will be kept open until the Annual Meeting at New Haven, Conn., in June next, unless the Roll shall be completed before that date.]

FIRST CHURCH, SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND LADIES' GUILD, Middle-town, N. Y.

Mr. FRANK A. FERRIS, through CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, South Norwalk, Conn

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION, CONG. CHURCH, Westfield, N. J.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, West Hartford, Conn.

"M. E. C.," Bloomfield, N. J.

Rev. H. L. CHASE, Minneapolis, Minn.

LADIES' UNION MEETING, FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, New London, Conn.

FIRST CHURCH, Albany, N. Y.

FLORIDA EAST CONFERENCE.

WOMAN'S H. M. SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, Keene, N. H.

Rev. BURTON W. LOCKHART, by LADIES' H. M. SOCIETY, FRANKLIN ST. CHURCH, Manchester, N. H.

MRS. PETER MCCARTEE, by W. H. M. S. of CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS, Brooklyn, N. Y.

L. B. S. of SOUTH CHURCH, New Britain, Conn.

ELLEN TYLER CHAPMAN, New London, Conn.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL of SOUTH CHURCH, Middletown, Conn.

Mrs. ARTHUR E. CHILDS, Boston, Mass.

OLD SOUTH CHURCH, South Weymouth, Mass.

FIRST CONG. CHURCH, Great Barrington, Mass., two shares.

IN MEMORY OF Mrs. MARIA H. CLARK, by HIGH STREET CHURCH, Lowell, Mass.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL, Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. CYNTHIA S. CAMPBELL, Hartford, Conn.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Keene, N. H.

WILLIAM S. CARTER, Lebanon, N. H.

WESTFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Danielsonville, Conn.

Rev. S. L. BLAKE, D.D., by A FRIEND, New London, Conn.

Y. P. S. C. E. of BENEFICENT CHURCH, Providence, R. I.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, collected by Mrs. CORDELIA CASWELL, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

THE TABERNACLE, Jersey City, N. J.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Merrimac, Mass.

MARGARET A. AND ANNIE L. LEAVITT, Cambridgeport, Mass.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF FIRST CHURCH, Detroit, Mich.

STEVENS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Stoneham, Mass.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Mansfield, Mass.

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH G. THURSTON, by Y. P. S. C. E., Whitinsville, Mass.

IN MEMORY OF FRANK G. FOX, by HIS MOTHER, Ware, Mass

TEN MEN IN VALLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Orange, N. J.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Hampstead, N. H.

A FRIEND, Windsor County, Vt.

CENTER CHURCH, Meriden, Conn.

Mrs. J. W. PICKETT, Whitewater, Colo., by A HELPER, Conn.

Mrs. C. COONCE, Todd, Minn., by A HELPER, Conn.

EDWARD NORTHRUP CHAPMAN, Worcester, Mass.

"GERMANTOWN, PA."

HOME MISS. BAND OF BENEFICENT CHURCH, Providence, R. I.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Oxford, N. Y.

A FRIEND, Boston, Mass.

JAMES S. STONE, Brookline, Mass.

MEMORIAL TO MRS. WM. C. CRISTY, Hyde Park, Mass.

MRS. F. E. STURGIS, Natick, Mass.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Ottawa, Ill.

MRS. R. A. W. BOWEN, New York City.

IN MEMORY OF Rev. J. H. STEARNS, D D., of Epping, N. H.

L. M. SOCIETY, CONG. CHURCH, South Glastonbury, Conn.

MR. H. D. HALE, South Glastonbury, Conn.

LADIES OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, New London, Conn.

RALLY at Plainfield, Conn.

Rev. PEARSE PINCH, by L. H. M. SOCIETY, Springfield, Mo.

CONG. CHURCH AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL, Housatonic, Mass.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL, Providence, R. I.

THE WOMEN AND THE WOMAN'S H. M. S., NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

IN MEMORY OF DEACON DAVID C. CAMP, WINDSOR AVE. CHURCH, Hartford, Conn.

TWO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, Georgetown, Mass.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. BYINGTON, Newton, Mass.

MRS. J. TAFT, Uxbridge, Mass.

FIRST CHURCH, West Tisbury, Mass.

NEW BEDFORD AUX. OF W. H. M. A.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Kent, Conn.

TOMPKINS AVE. CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A FEW LADIES, SOUTH CHURCH, Hartford, Conn.

L. H. M. SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, Hartford, Conn.

FIRST CONG. CHURCH, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., by L. H. M. S. and S. S.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, CONG. CHURCH, Canandaigua, N. Y.

LADIES' H. M. SOCIETY, Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. EDMUND GALE, by Y. P. S. C. E., Fairibault, Minn.

HIRAM E. BARBER, ELIOT CHURCH, Newton Mass.

HENRY E. COBB, ELIOT CHURCH, Newton, Mass.

ANDREW B. COBB, ELIOT CHURCH, Newton, Mass.

CHARLES A. HASKELL, ELIOT CHURCH, Newton, Mass.

WOLLASTON CONG. CHURCH, Quincy, Mass., two shares.

ALLEN Y. P. S. C. E., FIRST CONG. CHURCH, Dedham, Mass.

CHARLES J. HOLMES, CENTRAL CHURCH, Fall River, Mass.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL OF SECOND CONG. CHURCH, Westfield, Mass.



SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Putnam, Conn.

LADIES' SOCIETY OF PILGRIM CHURCH, New York City.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL, Farmington, Conn.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Meriden, Conn., erroneously reported before.

Mrs. HAMMOND BROWN, West Brookfield, Mass., erroneously reported before.



## THE TREASURY

THE timely receipt of the Stickney legacy enables us to report the Society free from debt for the work of the year just closed, and if, as is expected, the debt of the previous year shall ultimately be fully provided for by the Howard Roll of Honor, also to reserve a goodly portion of the legacy to be used in meeting future exigencies, or in a safe and gradual expansion of the work. This plan, however, presupposes a vigorous pushing of the Howard Roll of Honor, which has already proved so popular and so successful. It is believed that the friends of General Howard and of the work will not suffer this scheme, which lies so near his heart, to fail of complete realization. The detailed statement of the Treasury receipts of the year is as follows :

CONTRIBUTIONS			CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DEBT			LEGACIES								
1894-95.			1895-96.			1894-95.			1895-96.					
April.....	\$18,936	34	\$14,173	40	April.....	\$29 05	April .....	\$8,701	36	\$13,972	06			
May.....	18,608	21	12,749	55	May.....	240 50	May.....	6,113	58	30,288	94			
June.....	15,248	46	10,958	78	June.....	4,268 07	June.....	35,027	52	8,058	65			
July.....	18,908	65	13,452	53	July.....	7,595 71	July.....	10,695	22	7,766	13			
August....	7,886	18	16,364	55	August....	3,486 15	August....	35,280	76	6,560	21			
September..	12,707	28	15,027	82	September.	3,291 95	September.	15,045	01	4,901	85			
October....	9,523	04	30,174	02	October....	8,999 41	October....	5,369	02	3,973	40			
November..	13,683	01	13,741	72	November..	10,176 43	November..	6,672	70	7,166	73			
December..	17,727	67	24,733	36	December..	9,058 13	December..	10,575	52	2,474	50			
January....	30,322	17	29,323	63	January....	9,300 65	January...	14,415	46	7,027	36			
February..	13,699	46	10,860	64	February..	11,952 70	February..	16,324	14	26,457	85			
March.....	41,506	61	33,095	21	March.....	12,040 89	March.....	19,779	51	114,862	00*			
\$218,757 08			\$224,656 11			\$80,439 64			\$183,999 80			\$233,510 58		

\* Including \$72,677.16 from the Stickney legacy, appropriated by the Executive Committee to the work of the year.

1894-95.		1895-96.	
Contributions.....	\$218,757 08	Contributions.....	\$224,656 11
Legacies.....	183,999 80	Legacies.....	233,510 58
	<u>\$402,756 88</u>	Contributions for debt.....	80,439 64
			<u>\$538,606 33</u>

### DEBT STATEMENT.

Net debt reported March 31, 1895.....	\$132,140 05
Received on Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$73,256 58
“ in other special gifts for debt.....	7,183 06
	80,439 64
Net debt remaining to be liquidated by Roll of Honor and other special gifts.....	\$51,700 41

## APPOINTMENTS IN MARCH, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Ablett, John C., Tomahawk, No. Wis.  
 Arnett, Samuel G., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Atcheson, William H., Bloomer and Cleveland,  
 No. Wis.  
 Backus, Jabez, Palm Beach, Fla.  
 Bjorklund, Ernst V., Mankato and Kasota, Minn.  
 Blackburn, John F., Ft. Valley, Ga.  
 Buck, C. L., Cortez, Colo.  
 Cleworth, Wm. C., Willow Lakes and Pitrodie  
 So. Dak.  
 Cressman, Abraham A., Fairmount, Neb.  
 Drake, Ellis R., Denver, Colo.  
 Flook, Jacob, Omaha, Neb.  
 Halbersleben, H. C., Linwood, Neb.  
 Hassell, Richard B., North Yakima, Wash.  
 Hayes, Francis L., Manitou, Colo.  
 Harwood, Clement M. G., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Holway, John W., Drummond, Cable and Mason,  
 No. Wis.  
 Irwin, John, Bachelor, Colo.  
 Mackay, Charles C., Andrews, Ind.  
 Moore, Mrs. Julia P., Ybor City, Fla.  
 Pettibone, Luman A., Tucson, Ariz.  
 Ritchie, George, Missionary at Large in Utah.  
 Simmons, Daniel A., Portland, Fla.  
 Smith, Wm. E., Rock Ledge, Fla.

*Re-commissioned*

Baumann, Henry, Hosmer, Immanuel, Hoff-  
 nungsfeld, South Cassel and Salem, So. Dak.  
 Beede, Aaron, Athol and Ashton, So. Dak.  
 Bormose, Niels N., Philadelphia, Penn.

Brown, Henry M., Mt. Hope, N. Y. City, N. Y.  
 Butler, Elmer W., Melbourne, Fla.  
 Chambers, Alex., Prentice, No. Wis.  
 Cobleigh, Mrs. Elvira, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Dick, Jeremiah M., Hubbard, Smyrna and Elliott,  
 Prairie, Ore.  
 Flawith, Fred, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Fripp, Edgar T. R., White City, Fla.  
 Griffith, David Baines, Kansas City, Kan.  
 Haines, Oliver S., Sprague, Wash.  
 Hanksmeier, Nathaniel W., New Rockford, No.  
 Dak.  
 Hayes, James, Coal Bluff and Cardonia, Ind.  
 Hindley, George, Ridgeville, Ind.  
 Huelster, Anton, Detroit, Mich.  
 Hughes, Evan P., Hillsboro, Ore.  
 Hutchinson, William A., Montrose, Colo.  
 Ingham, John E., Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls,  
 Minn.  
 Keller, Lewin H., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Lydgate, John M., Steilacoom and Lakeview,  
 Wash.  
 Mack, Chas. A., Cando, No. Dak.  
 Melvin, John G., Dunbar and North Crandon,  
 No. Wis.  
 Seibert, J. Addison, Steele Plant, Ohio.  
 Spencer, John A., Alturas and Likely, Cal.  
 Richards, Emanuel, White City, Kan.  
 Thirloway, Timothy, Buffalo Gap, So. Dak.  
 Thompson, Hiram F., Sullivan, Ohio.  
 Wallace, Louis, Sierra Valley, Cal.  
 Walton, Richard C., Rogers, Ark.  
 Wells, J. Lester, Jersey City, N. J.  
 Williams, Samuel, Riverton, Neb.  
 Woth, Frederick, Germantown and Oak Grove,  
 Neb.

## RECEIPTS IN MARCH, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 41 to 44.

## MAINE—\$68.00.

Received by J. L. Crosby, Treas. Me.  
 Miss. Soc.:  
 Gardiner, Mrs. H. A. Ballard..... \$2 00  
 New Castle, Second, by J. P. Hus-  
 ton..... 15 00  
 Phillips, by A. M. Greenwood..... 6 00  
 South Freeport, by A. Smith..... 44 00  
 Topsham, F. E. Purinton, for the  
 debt..... 1 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$8,435.18; of  
 which legacies, \$6,193.29.

N. H. H. M. Soc., by Hon. L. D.  
 Stevens, Treas.:  
 Of which \$300, Gen. Howard Roll  
 of Honor..... 663 39  
 N. H. H. Miss. Soc., by Hon. L. D.  
 Stevens, Treas.:  
 Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100:  
 debt, \$5.32..... 105 32  
 F. C. I. and H. M. Union,  
 Miss A. A. McFarland,  
 Treas..... \$50 00  
 Concord, Clara Howe Circle  
 of King's Daughters of  
 South Ch., Gen. Howard  
 Roll of Honor..... 100 00

Keene, First, Gen. Howard  
 Roll of Honor, to const.  
 Mrs. M. C. C. Ripley and  
 Miss K. F. Leverett L.  
 Ms..... \$100 00  
 Manchester, Franklin Street  
 Ch., to place the name of  
 Rev. B. W. Lockhart on  
 Gen. Howard Roll of  
 Honor..... 100 00  
 \$350 00  
 Amherst, by A. S. Wilkins..... 3 00  
 Concord, Friend..... 5 00  
 East Derry, First Parish Ch., by Rev.  
 J. L. Evans, Gen. Howard Roll of  
 Honor..... 100 00  
 Hampstead, Mrs. E. P. Ordway, to  
 place the Cong. Ch. on the Howard  
 Roll of Honor and to const. Rev. R.  
 P. Gardner and P. S. Ordway L.  
 Ms..... 100 00  
 Hinsdale, by C. E. Savage..... 4 52  
 Keene, T. Grimes..... 1 00  
 Lyme, by D. A. Grant, Gen. Howard  
 Roll of Honor and to const. G.  
 Melvin and Mrs. O. M. Flint L.  
 Ms..... 100 00  
 Manchester, Estate of Mrs. Adaline  
 Hartshorn, I. W. Smith, Ex., by  
 Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treas. N. H.  
 H. M. S..... 6,120 65

First, by J. A. Goodrich, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$200 00	Woman's H. M. Assoc., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas. :	
Woman's Union Meeting, by Mrs. B. W. Lockhart, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	For Salary Fund.....	\$428 56
Milford, Estate of Mrs. Caroline B. Harris, by J. E. Foster, Adm.....	42 69	Dorchester, Miss A. B. Pike, for Silver Circle.....	5 00
New Hampshire, L. F. B.....	150 00	Greenwich, A Friend.....	15 00
Pelham, A Friend, for the debt.....	10 00	Ware, for Salary Fund.....	140 00
Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Jordan, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by L. A. Jordan.....	100 00	Westboro, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Tilton and Northfield, by Rev. C. C. Sampson, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00		\$593 56
Walpole, by C. E. Sparhawk.....	34 66	Amherst, Students of Amherst College, toward the debt, by E. S. Hall.....	47 00
West Hampstead, N. Ordway.....	10 00	"Fresh Air Fund Soc.," by Mrs. M. Henshaw, for the debt.....	20 00
West Manchester, South Main Street Ch., by W. J. Ayer, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	A Friend.....	10 00
Westmoreland, A Friend, for the debt Wilnot, add'l from the Estate of Stephen Felch, by G. E. Shepard, Adm., by F. H. Wiggin.....	5 00 29 95	A Friend.....	1 00
		Andover, C. E. Curtis, for the debt..	10 00
VERMONT—\$2,040.31; of which leg- acy, \$1,156.61.		Boston, W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund.....	50 00
Vermont Domestic Miss. Soc., by W. C. Tyler, Treas., of which for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100; debt, \$41.....	175 20	W. G. Means.....	125 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. R. P. Fairbanks, Treas.....	\$25 00	Cambridge, A. A. Steele.....	50 00
Barton, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	10 00	Cambridgeport, Margaret A. and Annie L. Leavitt, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Berlin.....	4 00	Charlemont, A Friend.....	75
Burlington, First, for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tol- man.....	110 02
St. Albans, Mrs. Camfield.....	15 00	Pilgrim Ch., G. R. Chapman.....	5 00
		Dudley, Y. P. S. C. E., by H. Baker.	6 93
Cornwall, add'l, by Rev. S. H. Bar- num, for the debt.....	1 00	Easton, S. S., by E. B. Maynard, for Salary Fund.....	16 48
East Hardwick, by C. S. Montgom- ery.....	31 00	Hatfield, Estate of J. B. Woods, by R. M. Woods, Trustee.....	80 00
Hartford, Church.....	15 00	Haverhill, A Friend.....	30 00
Lyndon, First, by P. B. Fisk.....	5 00	Holyoke, First, by J. H. Wylie, Jr., Housatonic, Ch., of which \$100 from Ch. and S. S., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.50, by H. B. Turner, to const. Amos Olds and Mrs. A. Kinney L. Ms.....	103 35 151 65
Newfane, by Rev. S. Norton.....	1 50	Lee.....	20 00
Norwich, Bequest of Mrs. B. M. Til- den, by N. S. Huntington, Ex.....	1,156 61	Lowell, Lucinda R. Parker, by J. F. Savage and S. P. Hadley, Exs.....	3,000 00
St. Johnsbury, South Ch., Gen. How- ard Roll of Honor, "collected by Mrs. Cordelia Caswell," through H. Fairbanks.....	100 00	Ludlow, Ladies' Soc. of the First, by I. T. Jones.....	7 00
Woman's H. M. Soc. and Ladies of the North Ch., by L. K. Hazen, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Massachusetts, A Friend.....	200 00
North Ch., "March 17".....	200 00	Mattapoisett, by M. L. Hathaway.....	27 50
Wallingford, Mrs. A. Edgerton.....	1 00	Merrimac, First, by F. O. Davis, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Windsor Co., A Friend, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. Rev. C. Hazen and Dea. N. C. Harvey L. Ms.....	100 00	Middleborough, by Dr. E. S. Hath- away.....	118 28
MASSACHUSETTS — \$21,276.71; of which legacies, \$9,778.18.		Mineauque, by E. H. Shepard.....	36 30
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	1,000 00	Natick, Estate of Mrs. Augusta Smith, by W. Nutt, Ex.....	40 20
For work among foreigners in the West.....	4,500 00	Needham, S. S., for Salary Fund, by Rev. C. W. Shelton.....	3 00
By request of donors, of which for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$2,500; debt, \$173.52; special for the debt, \$120; from A Friend, Barre, Vt., \$1.....	2,956 37	New Bedford, Trin. Ch., by J. C. Briggs.....	22 00
		Newburyport, A Friend, for the debt.	50 00
		Northampton, A. L. Williston.....	300 00
		North Chelmsford, Second, by A. H. Sheldon.....	23 35
		North Attleboro, Oldtown, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
		Phillipston, Estate of Ellsworth Saw- yer, by Samuel Lee, Ex.....	4,632 83
		Pittsfield, Miss M. E. Salisbury's School, by Rev. C. W. Shelton.....	5 00
		Reading, Silver Circle, Mrs. C. Scott.	5 00
		Salem, Tabernacle Ch., by J. H. Phip- pen.....	79 02
		Saugus, "A King's Daughter".....	10 00
		Shirley, Boys of the Jr. C. E. Soc., by Rev. J. Torrey.....	2 00
		Somerville, Estate of Ephraim Stone, by L. K. Lovell, Adm.....	2,025 15
		South Hadley Falls, In His Name....	20 00
		Springfield, Faith Ch., by W. I. Morse	12 06
		Sunderland, S. S., by A. T. Montague	35 00
		Yarmouth, First, by Rev. C. W. Shel- ton, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor...	100 00

Ware, "Silver Circle," by H. S. Hyde	\$10 00	Ansonia, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. C. W. Shelton	\$7 68
Webster, First, by E. L. Spalding	50 00	Canton Center, Y. P. S. C. E., \$5; S. S., \$5; Dea. Lamphier, \$5; Dea. H. Humphrey, \$5; W. G. Hallock, \$5, by W. G. Hallock, for the debt.	25 00
Worcester, Central Ch., by E. Whitman	75 00	Collinsville, by Rev. C. E. Cooledge, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
Plymouth, S. S., by S. I. Wall, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00	By I. S. Heath	40 00
Edward Northrop Chapman, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00	Connecticut, Friends	1,200 00
RHODE ISLAND—\$680.83.		"A Helper," Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
Woman's H. M. Assoc., Mass., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.		"A Helper," Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
Providence, Y. P. S. C. E. of Beneficent Ch., by Miss E. W. Olney, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. A. E. Stafford and Miss J. C. McLeod L. Ms.	\$100 00	A Friend	50 00
Home Mission Band of Beneficent Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00	Darien, Mrs. N. E. Gleason	40
	200 00	East Hartford, Rally, by Rev. H. D. Wiard	11 27
Pawtucket, Ch., E. R. Bullock, Treas.: In memoriam—Mrs. Harriet Newell Bates	250 00	East Haven, by Miss L. E. Street	42 50
Providence, Pilgrim Cong. S. S., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100; special for debt, \$1.11, by F. D. Arnold	101 11	East Windsor, Y. P. S. C. E., by C. E. Spencer, for the debt	25 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Union Cong. Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, with previous don. to const. Mrs. W. Nutting, Mrs. S. S. Doe, Miss C. A. Robinson, and Miss J. R. Tingley L. Ms.	100 00	S. S., by W. W. Thompson, for the debt	25 00
Woonsocket, Rally, by Rev. C. W. Shelton	29 72	East Woodstock, by J. M. Paine, for the debt	35 65
CONNECTICUT—\$19,732.26; of which legacies, \$12,426.68.		Enfield, Estate of S. C. Reynolds, by D. W. Coon, Ex.	5,350 00
Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.	103 39	First Ch., \$93: Ladies' Benev. Soc., \$25; Y. P. S. C. E., \$7, by F. A. King, of which \$100, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	125 00
Brooklyn, First	\$40 00	Gleaners' Mission Circle of Wallop, by Mrs. L. P. Abbe	20 00
Glastonbury, South Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	200 00	Fairfield, First, of which \$100, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by E. Osborn, in full to const. F. H. Brewer, E. Osborn and W. O. Burr L. Ms.	109 80
Hartford, First, of which \$100 from Daniel Phillips, in memory of Mrs. Daniel Phillips, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	449 60	Hartford, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by E. B. Ellsworth	10 00
	689 60	A few ladies of So. Ch., by Mrs. G. Moore, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.		First, by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
East Hartford, First, Rev. S. A. Barrett, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by members	\$100 00	Windsor Avenue Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, to the memory of Dea. D. C. Camp, by H. H. Pease	100 00
Hartford, Poquonock Avenue, by Mrs. F. M. Case, for Salary Fund	30 00	Mrs. C. S. Campbell, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, to const. Mrs. Gilbert W. Chapin and Mrs. E. W. Storrs L. Ms.	100 00
First, Mrs. C. T. Millard, Salary Fund	21 00	D. Phillips, freight	5 00
Middletown, First, Mrs. G. W. Lane, by Mrs. J. H. Bunce	5 20	Kent, by B. M. Wright, for the debt	89 00
New Britain, L. B. S. of South Ch., by Mrs. S. H. Wood, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00	Lisbon, by Q. M. Bosworth, for the debt	18 00
New Britain, So. Ch. L. B. S., by Mrs. S. H. Wood, Annual Thank-offering, for Salary Fund and to const. Mrs. G. Hays and Mrs. I. J. Steane L. Ms.	46 50	Madison, First, by F. A. Kelsey, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
		Rally, by Rev. H. D. Wiard	10 65
		Ladies' Charitable Soc., by F. A. Kelsey	20 40
		Meriden, Center Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by Miss M. A. Wood	100 00
		Middletown, Estate of Miss Susan C. Clark, on account of Legacy of \$5,000, by R. W. de Forest and H. W. de Forest, Exs.	4,576 68
		First Ch., \$80; Y. P. S. C. E., \$20, by E. P. Augur, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
		South Cong. S. S., by O. E. Stoddard, Jr., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00
		Mystic, H. M. Rally, by Rev. J. R. Danforth	20 85
		Naugatuck, by Miss E. Spencer	150 00
		New Haven, Grand Avenue Ch., \$150; S. S., \$21.62, by W. Hemingway	171 62
		Add'l. from a member of College Ch. S. S. Woolsey, for the debt	10 00
		R. A. Benham	25 00
		A Friend, for the debt	15 00
		M. J. C., a Thank-offering for the debt	5 00
			2 00



New London, Legacy of C. D. Boss, by Mrs. E. M. Boss, Ex.....	\$1,500 00	Ch. of the Pilgrims, to place the name of Mrs. Peter McCartee on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor. \$100 00	
Ladies of the First Ch. of Christ, by Rev. S. L. Blake, of which \$100, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.	159 60	Tompkins Avenue King's Daughters, to place the name of Society on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.	100 00
A Friend, by Rev. C. W. Shelton, to place the name of Rev. S. L. Blake, D.D., on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Candor, S. S. Silver Circle.	5 10
Ellen Tyler Chapman, Gen. How- ard Roll of Honor, by W. H. Chapman.....	100 00	Holland Patent.....	6 25
Norfolk, by S. A. Selden.....	238 19	Ithaca, Silver Circle.....	10 00
Norwalk, Mrs. T. K. Noble's Bible Class, by Mrs. F. Y. Curtis, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. Mrs. J. E. Fitch and Mrs. A. E. Johnson L. Ms.....	100 00	New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, S. W. W....	67 00
Norwich, Park Ch., of which \$131.56 for Salary Fund, by H. L. Butts. Rally of Cong. Chs., for Gen. How- ard Roll of Honor.....	1,372 57	Oxford, L. S.....	25 00
Plantsville, of which \$96.04, for the debt, by E. P. Hotchkiss.....	127 04	Phoenix.....	6 00
Putnam, S. S. Class of F. D. Sargent, by Rev. C. W. Shelton.....	5 00	Port Leyden, C. E. S.....	5 00
Rockville, Judge L. D. Phelps.....	1 00		
Salisbury, Estate of Maria H. Will- iams, by H. Williams, Ex.....	1,000 00	Berkshire, First, by S. L. Ball.....	\$381 35
Miss S. Norton's class, 75 cts.; A Friend, 25 cts., by Rev. J. C. Goddard.....	1 00	Brooklyn, Puritan, by H. A. W. Goll, Ch. of the Pilgrims, add'l, by J. E. Leech.....	112 70 154 64
Sharon, First, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reed, by R. E. Goodwin.....	10 00	Parkville Ch., by Rev. W. A. Kirk- wood.....	200 00
Sound Beach, First, by Mrs. G. A. Heusted.....	25 00	Lewis Avenue, by F. E. Idell.....	3 60
South Norwalk, Frank A. Ferris, by Rev. G. H. Beard, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Willoughby Avenue S. S. branch of Clinton Avenue Ch., by G. R. Beard.....	5 00
Suffield, First, by W. E. Russell, to const. Miss C. L. Strong a L. M....	50 00	S. S. of Park Ch., by L. Van Val- kenburgh.....	75 00
Torrington, Mrs. E. C. Hotchkiss, Silver Circle.....	5 00	Friends, Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Tompkins Avenue Ch.....	32 00
West Avon, Mrs. O. Thompson.....	40	Silver Circle of the Tompkins Ave- nue Ch., Mrs. S. L. Petrie.....	550 00
Westbrook, Rally, Rev. H. D. Wiard. West Hartford, First, by E. S. Elmer, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. Mrs. Mary E. Flagg and Mrs. L. M. Ellsworth L. Ms.....	21 11	Beecher Memorial C. E. Soc., by J. W. Root.....	5 00
First, by E. E. Elmer.....	100 00	Nazarene Ch., by Rev. A. J. Henry.	13 13
Westport, Saugatuck S. S., by H. C. Woodworth, for the debt.....	33 29	Buffalo, Plymouth Chapel, Silver Cir- cle, by A. L. Grein.....	2 00
West Winsted, Y. P. S. C. E., of the Second, by E. E. Lord.....	10 00	Candor, by H. Henderson.....	5 30
Willimantic, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. C. E. Conant, special.....	2 25	Castile, Mrs. H. A. Southworth and daughter.....	10 81
Windsor, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by Miss M. H. Barber, for Salary Fund.....	12 00	Clifton Springs, Mrs. F. W. Spauld- ing, in memory of Rev. J. H. Stearns, D.D., late of Epping, N. H., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor...	100 00
Winsted, First, by J. P. Cook.....	6 00	Crown Point, Second, by J. A. Pen- field.....	20 00
Woodstock, First, by H. T. Child....	144 42	East Albany, by Rev. Mr. Handen- dop.....	6 50
	16 20	East Rockaway, Bethany Ch., of which \$5 from Jr. C. E. Soc., by Rev. D. S. Braithwaite.....	12,473 75
		Fairport, A. M. Loomis.....	64 43
		Franklin, by G. Mann.....	16 55
		Gainesville, by H. L. Ensign.....	5 00
		Gloversville, Estate of Mrs. Sarah B. Place, by W. H. Place and W. B. Judson, Exs.....	54 50
		By D. H. Tarr.....	1 80
		Individuals, by Rev. W. E. Park, D.D.....	12,473 75
		Howells, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. N. Mapes.....	64 43
		Jamestown, First, add'l, by F. R. Moody.....	6 24
		Jordanville, by Mrs. C. F. Waterbury, for Salary Fund.....	9 36
		Middletown, First Ch., S. S. and La- dies' Guild, by Rev. W. A. Robin- son, D.D., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	33 15
		Mt. Sinai, by S. H. Miller.....	25 00
		New Lebanon, "Mother".....	100 00
		New York City, Broadway Taberna- cle, by N. C. Fisher.....	13 00
		Pilgrim Ch., by E. K. Billings.....	4 20
		Y. P. S. C. E. of the Pilgrim Ch., by H. Lewis, for the debt.....	1,801 11
		Camp Memorial, by F. E. Fran- cisco.....	105 65
		Rev. J. M. Lopez-Guillen, in behalf of the Spanish Ch. of New York and Brooklyn, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	25 00
			10 00
			100 00

NEW YORK—\$17,328.12; of which leg-  
acies, \$12,530.75.

Received by William Spalding, Treas.:

Carthage.....	\$20 00
Crary Mills, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 30
Fairview.....	11 00
Homer.....	15 00
Syracuse, Good-Will Rally.....	4 57

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J.  
Pearsall, Treas.:

Albany, Home Circle Silver Bank.....	\$5 00
Binghamton, Helpers, to const. Mrs. E. H. Thomp- son a L. M.....	50 00
Brooklyn, Bushwick Ave- nue Ch., King's Daugh- ters, special.....	2 00

"Cash".....	\$100 00	MARYLAND—\$72,677.16; legacy.	
Mrs. R. A. W. Bowen, Gen. Howard		Baltimore, Legacy of J. Henry Stick-	
Roll of Honor.....	100 00	ney, in part.....	\$72,677 16
M. E. Clark, for the debt.....	1 00		
Mrs. W. E. Dodge, Sr., special.....	50 00	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$476.35.	
C. I. Fisher, M.D.....	10 00	Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J.	
Northfield, by W. M. Hoyt.....	8 00	Asso., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:	
North Lawrence, Miss A. Williams...	5 00	Washington, D. C., First Ch., of	
Mrs. N. Williams.....	5 00	which for the debt, \$62; Salary	
Orient, by M. B. Brown.....	9 71	Fund, \$25.....	94 00
Oxford, First, of which \$100, Gen.		Washington, First, \$235; Gen. E.	
Howard Roll of Honor, by J. W.		Whittlesey, \$50, by W. Lamborn.	285 00
Thorp.....	105 50	People's Ch., by H. W. Chase.....	3 50
Oswego, Mrs. L. A. Burnham, a		Mt. Pleasant Ch., by W. D. Quinter	78 85
Thank-offering.....	50 00	Mt. Pleasant Ch., by G. M. Nichols	15 00
Port Chester, First, by C. S. Whitney	14 35		
Rodman, by Rev. J. Kincaid.....	31 10	NORTH CAROLINA—\$13.00.	
Saratoga Springs, New England Ch.,		Tryon, by Rev. A. Winter.....	13 00
by C. L. Haskins.....	42 57		
A. J. Holmes.....	2 00	GEORGIA—\$36.24.	
Summer Hill, by G. H. Allen, for the		Woman's H. M. Union, Miss V.	
debt.....	10 00	Holmes, Treas.:	
Syracuse, Jr. C. E. Soc. of Plymouth		Atlanta, Central Ch.....	\$10 00
Ch., by Miss E. Totman, special..	5 00	Demorest.....	3 16
W. E. Abbott.....	5 00	Meansville.....	5 00
Warsaw, by F. W. Relyea.....	28 85		18 16
Willsborough, Estate of Mrs. S. A.		Baxley, Friendship Ch., by Rev. G.	
Stower, by A. J. B. Ross.....	57 00	N. Smith.....	1 00
		Clara, Pleasant Hill, by Rev. H. E.	
NEW JERSEY—\$795.51.		Newton.....	1 50
Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J.		Ft. Valley, by Rev. J. F. Blackburn..	4 00
Assoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison,		Hoschtou, by Rev. J. C. Forrester...	2 50
Treas.:		Juno, by Rev. H. M. Gober.....	3 78
In memory of Rev. D. Deni-		Powersville, by Rev. W. C. Carter....	3 00
son, Gen. Howard Roll of		Suches, \$1.50; Friends, 80 cts., by	
Honor.....	\$100 00	Rev. S. C. McDaniel.....	2 30
Closter, "Do Something		Erratum: Ebenezer, Ga., \$3; Zoar,	
Band," for the debt.....	25 00	\$3; Liberty, \$3; Concord, \$1.10; by	
Westfield, Woman's Assoc.,		Rev. M. G. Fleming, \$10.10. Errone-	
Gen. Howard Roll of		ously ack. under Ala. in March Home	
Honor.....	100 00	Missionary.	
	225 00		
Bloomfield, M. E. C., Gen. Howard		ALABAMA—\$9.80.	
Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Gate City, by Rev. T. B. Haynie....	2 50
Cedar Grove, by Rev. B. F. Bradford	8 75	Haleyville, Union Grove, and Liberty	
East Orange, K.....	100 00	Grove, by Rev. W. J. Thrasher.....	1 55
Trinity Ch., by R. D. Weekes.....	221 00	Henderson, Wesley Chapel, \$1.10;	
Newark, Belleville Avenue, by Rev. C.		Rose Hill, New Hope Ch., \$1.15;	
W. Shelton.....	15 76	Hilton, Antioch Ch., 75 cts., by Rev.	
Orange, Ten Men in Valley Ch., by		T. A. Pharr.....	3 00
Rev. C. A. Savage, Gen. Howard		Phenix City, Bethany Ch., by Rev. J.	
Roll of Honor.....	100 00	M. Gipson.....	1 25
Vineland, Y. P. S. C. E., by T. A.		South Calera, 25 cts.; Clanton, Mt.	
Gardner.....	5 00	Springs Ch., 75 cts.; Verbena, Shady	
Westfield, Ch. of Christ, by J. R. Con-		Grove Ch., 50 cts., by Rev. J. R.	
nolly.....	10 00	Crowson.....	1 50
Y. P. S. C. E., by E. Williams.....	10 00		
	5 75	LOUISIANA—\$19.22.	
PENNSYLVANIA—\$157.81.	6 25	Clear Creek, by Miss C. W. Carra-	
Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. T.		dine.....	2 25
W. Jones, Treas.:		Hammond, by J. O. Adams.....	3 40
Lindsey.....	\$3 00	Iowa, by Rev. C. F. Sheldon.....	3 80
Riceville.....	2 75	New Orleans, A Friend.....	1 00
		Vinton, by Rev. C. F. Sheldon.....	6 57
Albion, by Rev. D. H. Christy.....		Walnutlane, Union Ch., by Rev. C.	
Allegheny, F. E. Youngs, \$2.50; M.		F. Sheldon.....	2 20
E. Youngs, \$2.50, by S. M. Youngs.			
Bangor, First, by Rev. T. W. Jones,		ARKANSAS—\$20.00.	
D.D.....	8 00	Rogers, Rev. J. W. Scroggs.....	10 00
Centerville, A Friend, for the debt...	5 00	By Rev. R. C. Walton.....	10 00
Germantown, "A Friend," Gen.			
Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00		
Glen Lyon and Wanarie, by Rev. J. J.			
Jenkins.....	13 50		
Philadelphia, Mt. Airy, Prof. G. L.			
Weed, freight.....	56		
Plymouth, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev W. L.			
Evans.....	1 00		
Puritan Ch., by Rev. T. McKay....	3 75		

## FLORIDA—\$256.92.

Bushnell, Mrs. L. W. Bigelow, for the debt.....	\$2 00
Daytona and Port Orange, by Rev. C. M. Bingham.....	20 00
Florida East Conference, by Rev. J. C. Halliday, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Key West, First, by Rev. C. W. Fraser.....	10 00
Moss Bluff, by Rev. E. D. Luter.....	4 00
Oakdale, Pilgrim, by Rev. F. V. Hoyt.....	1 66
Ormond, Union Ch., by Rev. J. W. Harding.....	19 06
Philips, \$5; Anniversary coll. of Fla. H. M. Soc., \$18.50, by Rev. S. F. Gale.....	23 50
Portland, Black Oak and Rocky Bayou, by Rev. D. A. Simmons.....	1 50
Potolo, Carmel Ch., and Coatsville, Pleasant Hill Ch., by Rev. E. A. Buttram.....	1 00
St. Petersburg, First, by Mrs. D. Ferdon.....	5 20
Warnell and Panasoffkee, by Rev. J. J. Melton.....	4 00
Warsaw, Rev. G. Lee.....	10 00
West Palm Beach, \$5; Orange City, \$50, by Rev. C. W. Shelton.....	55 00

## TEXAS—\$34.45.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Treas.:	
Dallas, First Ch., for Salary Fund..	7 55
Cleburne, Trinity Ch., by L. M. Layton.....	18 15
Tallassee, Kent, Mt. Olive Ch., Cowles Station, Union Ch., and Central Equality Ch., by Rev. A. C. Wells.....	8 75

## INDIAN TERRITORY—\$5.50.

McAlester, First, by Rev. W. H. Hicks	5 00
Trinity Ch., by Rev. T. E. Holleyman.....	50

## OKLAHOMA—\$192.05.

Received by Rev. J. H. Parker :	
Alpha, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$5 00
Arapahoe, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50
Bethel, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 00
El Reno, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Independence, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50
Kingfisher, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Mt. Zion, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50
N. Enid, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50
Oklahoma City, S. S.....	2 00
Perkins, S. S.....	1 00
Alpha, by Rev. J. F. Roberts.....	2 20
Alva, by Rev. J. H. Parker.....	25 00
Bethel, by Rev. J. M. Evans.....	3 80
Darlington, Plymouth, by Rev. R. H. Harper.....	4 00
El Reno, Pilgrim, by Rev. W. M. Wellman.....	37 00
Guthrie, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. C. N. Queen.....	16 00
Minneha, by Rev. L. B. Parker.....	3 65
Mt. Zion, by M. Abercrombie.....	7 25
By O. Childers.....	2 00
Okarche and Mt. Pisgah, by Rev. J. S. Murphy.....	12 50

South Enid, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. F. C. Wellman.....	\$2 00
Stillwater, First, by Rev. I. A. Holbrook.....	20 00
Tecumseh, by Rev. L. B. Parker....	6 00
Waukomis, \$4; Donly, Mt. Calvary Ch., \$4, by Rev. F. Foster.....	8 00
West Guthrie, by Rev. A. M. Lennox.....	13 65

## ARIZONA—\$12.40.

Tucson, First, \$5.70; S. S., \$5.70; A Friend, \$1, by Rev. L. A. Pettibone.....	12 40
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## TENNESSEE—\$3.54.

Harriman, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. A. Hawkes.....	3 54
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## OHIO—\$1,285.92; of which legacy, \$50.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D. :	
Ashtabula, Swedish, by Rev. C. A. Widing.....	\$5 00
Brownhelm, Ch., \$8.50; S. S., \$4, by S. Bacon.....	12 50
Chardon, Legacy of Mrs. Eliza L. Manley, by Rev. T. D. Phillips, in full to const. Myron G. Manley a L. M.....	50 00
Charlestown, by Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.....	3 13
Chatham, by M. W. Packard, in full to const. Mrs. H. G. Packard a L. M....	36 63
Cleveland, Archwood Avenue.....	13 95
Franklin Avenue.....	20 00
Bethlehem Ch. and S. S., by Mrs. T. Piwonka.....	53 60
Park, by Rev. E. S. Rothrock.....	5 00
Cyril Chapel, by Rev. J. Musil.....	10 00
Theodore M. Bates, special.....	5 00
A Friend.....	25 00
Collinwood, by Rev. O. Jenkins.....	19 00
Dayton, by Rev. C. W. Choate.....	25 00
Edinburg, by Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.....	19 00
Garrettsville, Y. P. S. C. E., by C. A. Snow, M.D.....	10 00
Geneva, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. E. Cowles.....	11 00
Greenfield, by J. McLane.....	5 00
Kirtland, Ch., \$2.60; S. S., \$6.20, by E. M. Woodard.....	8 80
Lafayette, by Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.....	15 43
Madison, Central, by A. S. Stratton.....	11 23
Mansfield, First, by Rev. J. W. Hubbell, D.D.....	132 03
New London.....	7 00
Newport, Ky., Y. P. S. C. E., by M. C. Woodard.....	5 00
North Amherst, by Rev. P. E. Harding.....	10 00
Oak Hill, branch of Richfield Ch. S. S., by S. Vrail, for the debt.....	2 10
Oberlin, Prof. A. H. Currier, D.D.....	5 00

Dudley Allen, M.D., to const. Rev. Richard Hicks a L. M. ....	\$50 00
Peking, China, Rev. W. S. Ament.....	10 00
Plain, by Rev. S. B. Crosby	3 00
Radnor, S. S., by G. N. Davis.....	6 00
Rootstown, W. J. Dickinson, in part to const. Rev. S. C. Dickinson a L. M. ...	20 00
Springfield, Lagonda Ave., by J. H. Johnson.....	5 00
L. M. S., by Mrs. J. Reynard.....	1 00
Steubenville, H. G. Dohrman, by Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.....	5 00
York, by Rev. E. F. Baird..	24 00
Youngstown, Elm Street Ch., \$12; Y. P. S. C. E., \$16.10, by Rev. J. B. Davis	28 10
	<hr/> \$677 50

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D., Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:	
Columbus, Rev. B. Talbot..	\$1 00
Geneva, Jr. C. E., by Mrs. E. J. Hart.....	5 00
Mansfield, First S. S., by Rev. J. W. Hubbell, D.D.	15 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Brecksville.....	3 00
Burton, Mrs. A. E. Hitchcock.....	5 00
Cuyahoga Falls.....	4 13
Geneva, L. I. and H. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Greenwich, for Salary Fund.....	4 00
Madison.....	7 00
Mansfield, First, for Salary Fund.....	8 00
Mayflower, for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Marietta, Harmar.....	5 00
North Ridgeville, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.	9 45
Oberlin, First, L. A. S....	15 00
Tallmadge.....	7 00
Toledo, Washington Street Central.....	10 00
Unionville, S. S., for Salary Fund.....	5 35
Wellington.....	7 64
Zanesville.....	5 00

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Akron, Arlington, for Salary Fund.....	\$3 00
Chardon, to const. Rev. T. D. Phillips a L. M. ....	50 00
Cincinnati, Vine Street, dime banks of Mrs. W. Hunt, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, and Miss E. A. Sanders.	15 00
Cleveland, Hough Avenue, for Salary Fund.....	3 00
Lake View, for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Columbus, Eastwood, Mr. Collin's dime bank.....	5 00
Geneva, L. I. and H. M. S., dime banks of Mrs. J. E. Cooke, Mrs. J. C. Ford, and Mrs. S. F. Higly....	15 00
Madison, for Salary Fund.	8 00
Mansfield, First, Mrs. Tolman's bank.....	5 00

Mrs. Pool, for debt .....	\$5 00
Medina, dime banks, Rev. J. H. Nichols, Mrs. M. H. Coulter.....	10 00
Dime bank of Rev. J. R. Nichol's S. S. class.....	5 00
New Oberlin, Y. P. S. C. E., dime bank.....	1 50
Oberlin, First, L.A.S., dime banks of Willis Hart, P. Kenney, Mrs. Rockwell, and Minnie Pay..	20 00
Second, L. S., of which \$25 for Salary Fund; dime bank, \$5.....	30 00
Springfield, First, Primary Class, dime bank.....	5 00
Toledo, First, Working Band, Mrs. O. A. Bostwick's dime bank.....	5 00
Washington Street, banks, Mrs. H. Veysey, \$2.50; Miss M. P. Whitney and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, \$0.50; Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. E. H. Rhoades, \$10.....	22 00
Wakeman, for the debt....	11 00
Wellington, L. B. and H. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	5 00

\$228 50

Ashtabula, Finnish Ch., by Rev. F. Lehtinen.....	2 00
Brecksville, First, by H. M. Rinear..	12 76
Castalia, First, add'l, by J. O. Prentice.....	1 35
Centennial, by Rev. F. S. Perry.....	4 04
Cincinnati, Walnut Hills, by E. J. Wood, to const. Miss E. J. Wood a L. M. ....	59 28
M. E. Lindsley, Silver Circle.....	5 00
Cleveland, The Bohemian C. E. Jun. Soc. of Madison Avenue Ch., by Miss S. R. Merrell.....	5 00
Columbus, Mayflower Ch., by M. B. Rose.....	8 70
Fairport Harbor, \$8; L. A. S., \$5; Y. P. S. C. E., \$8, by Rev. M. B. Morris.	21 00
Oberlin, First, by A. H. Johnson....	74 98
Second, by N. Huckins.....	25 84
Russia Township, S. S. Dist. No. 4 East, by S. H. Gray.....	5 00
St. Mary's, by Rev. J. W. Davis.....	7 50
Tallmadge, Mrs. C. Treat.....	40
Thompson, by Rev. W. O. Town....	10 00
Toledo, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. A. E. Woodruff.....	4 50
Windham, T. Wales.....	1 00

## INDIANA—\$313.91.

Received by Rev. E. D. Curtis, D.D.:	
Angola.....	\$0 85
S. S.....	1 70
Ft. Wayne, Union Miss. Soc. of Plymouth Ch., to const. Rev. James S. Ainslie a L. M. ....	50 25
Hobart.....	3 00
Hosmer.....	10 00
Kokomo.....	5 40
Michigan City, First, to const. Rev. W. C. Gordon a L. M. ....	53 00
Terre Haute, Second.....	21 00
Two Friends of Home Missions.....	20 00

185 50

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Treas.:	
Dunkirk, Willing Workers.	\$3 00



East Chicago.....	\$6 00	St. Joseph, Tabernacle...	\$20 75
Fort Wayne, Ladies.....	15 00	St. Louis, First.....	28 00
Indianapolis, Ladies, Fel-		Immanuel.....	1 00
lowship Ch.....	3 50	Pilgrim.....	73 40
People's Ch., Ladies.....	5 00	Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Plymouth, Ladies' Union..	5 00	Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	15 00
King's Daughters.....	10 00	Compton Hill.....	45 00
S. S.....	5 75	Y. L. M. S.....	12 00
Portland, Ladies.....	1 50	Plymouth.....	5 00
	\$54 75	Central.....	21 50
Coal Bluff, by Rev. J. Hayes.....	2 00	Webster Groves.....	19 24
Ft. Wayne, South Ch., by Rev. E. E.			\$869 24
Frame.....	5 00	Less expenses.....	43 46
Indianapolis, People's Ch., by Rev. O.			\$825 78
D. Fisher.....	50 00	Bevier, First, by Rev. J. R. Adams..	3 00
Fellowship Ch., by Rev. F. M. Whit-		Green Ridge, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. P.	
lock.....	11 66	Baker.....	3 00
Michigan City, Sanborn Memorial		Grandin, by Rev. J. Brereton.....	13 37
Scand. Mission, by Rev. A. Lund-		Kansas City, First, by M. B. Wright.	236 81
berg.....	5 00	Clyde Ch., \$35; S. S., \$10, by W.	
ILLINOIS—\$286.67; of which legacy,		W. Findlay.....	45 00
\$6.67.		S. W. Tab. Ch., by Mrs. L. G. Jeff-	
Illinois Home Mission Soc., A. B.		ers.....	8 16
Mead, Treas.:.....		Meadville, by Rev. J. W. Eldred.....	10 68
Of which \$100, Gen. Howard Roll		Mine La Motte, by Rev. D. C. Mc-	
of Honor; salary fund, \$110.....	225 00	Nair.....	36 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. L. A.		St. Louis, First German, by Rev. M.	
Field, Treas.:.....		A. Krey.....	17 73
Elgin, Prospect Street Silver Cir-		Swedish Ch., by Rev. A. G. John-	
cle, by Miss G. Ingalls.....	5 00	son.....	2 50
Batavia, by Mrs. S. S. Coffin, for the		Springfield, Pilgrim Ch., by J. H.	
debt.....	10 00	Reeve.....	10 00
Buda, Estate of J. F. Hyde, by H. T.		German Ch., by Rev. J. F. Graf....	2 00
Lay, Trustee.....	6 67	Verdella, by Rev. R. T. Marlow....	3 50
Chicago, California Avenue Ch., A.		MICHIGAN—\$101.00.	
E. Bunker, \$10; Ladies' Soc., Mrs.		Detroit, Woman's Asso. of First Ch.,	
A. E. Bunker, \$10, by A. E.		by Miss A. E. Coe, Gen. Howard	
Bunker.....	20 00	Roll of Honor.....	100 00
M. R. Blackburn, for the debt.....	10 00	Whitehall, A Friend.....	1 00
John Mabbs.....	10 00		
MISSOURI—\$1,217.53.		WISCONSIN—\$533.05.	
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. K. L.		Received by Rev. T. G. Grassie:	
Mills, Treas.:.....		Antigo.....	\$94 05
Bonne Terre.....	\$25 00	Ashland.....	149 00
Cameron, for the debt.....	4 15	Bloomer.....	10 35
De Soto.....	10 00	Butternut.....	12 00
Hannibal, Pilgrim.....	3 08	Clear Lake.....	5 00
Iberia, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50	Scand.....	5 00
Kansas City, Olivet.....	5 00	Cleveland.....	14 25
First, for Salary Fund.....	12 50	Clintonville.....	10 85
Kidder.....	50 00	Drummond.....	18 00
Lamar, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 05	Embarass.....	7 59
Old Orchard, Y. P. S. C. E.		Fifield.....	4 60
St. Louis, Pilgrim.....	93 10	Grantsburg.....	2 00
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., for the		Green River.....	16 00
debt.....	5 00	Hayward Ch., \$10.34;	
First.....	171 50	Ladies, \$6.70; Y. P. S. C.	
Plymouth.....	6 50	E., \$17.66; Jr. Y. P. S. C.	
Aubert Place.....	1 00	E., \$2.50.....	37 20
Springfield, First, to place		Merrell.....	2 58
the name of Rev. P. Pinch		Maple Valley.....	2 58
on Gen. Howard Roll of		Mason.....	2 00
Honor.....	100 00	Norrie.....	2 00
Salary Fund:			395 05
Kansas City, First, Y. L.		Bruce, \$5; Apollonia, \$5.40, by Rev.	
M. S.....	25 00	D. L. Sanborn.....	10 40
Y. P. S. C. E.....	12 50	Clintonville, Scand. Ch., by Rev. H.	
Y. P. S. C. E. of Olivet		F. Josephson.....	1 00
Ch.....	7 50	Cumberland, First, by Rev. J. Parsons	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E., of Clyde		Doctor's Lake, \$1.10; Wood Lake,	
Ch.....	10 35	\$1.05, Swedish Chs., by Rev. N. I.	
So. W. Tabernacle.....	13 00	Nelson.....	2 15
Lebanon.....	17 00	Dunbar and North Crandon, by Rev.	
New Cambria L. H. M. S.		J. G. Melvin.....	20 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00		

Fond du Lac Co., A Friend.....	\$5 00
Glenwood, Swedish Ch., by Rev. O. Ohlson.....	2 20
Prentice, by Rev. A. Chambers.....	12 00
Rhineland, First, by Rev. J. H. Chandler.....	45 00
Tomahawk, First, by Rev. J. C. Ablett.....	25 25
West Superior, Hope Ch., by Rev. J. Kimball.....	10 00

IOWA—\$48.66 ; of which legacy, \$42.66.

Grinnell, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. G. Graves.....	3 00
Iowa Falls, Estate of Alfred Woods, by E. Nuckolls.....	42 66
Lansing, German Ch., by Rev. A. Kern.....	3 00

MINNESOTA—\$527.65.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley :

Brainerd, \$5 ; C. E., \$5.....	\$10 00
Detroit, Ch. and S. S.....	6 63
Elk River, \$11 ; C. E., \$4.....	15 00
Ham Lake.....	2 00
Hutchinson.....	1 96
Little Falls.....	8 90
Minneapolis, Pilgrim.....	27 35
Plymouth.....	37 75
Vine.....	10 00
Oak Park.....	4 15
Rev. H. L. Chase, special for debt and to complete payment of Roll of Honor Pledge.....	60 00
New Paynesville, C. E.....	2 00
Owatonna.....	18 00
Princeton.....	8 17
Rochester.....	36 13
Sauk Rapids.....	2 16
St. Paul, South Park.....	3 00
Cyril Chapel.....	75 00

Clearwater, by Rev. J. L. Jones.....	328 20
Faribault, of which \$100, to place the name of Rev. E. Gale on Howard Roll of Honor, by A. Young.....	3 00
Lake Park, Mrs. A. G. Upton, for the debt.....	108 00
Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls, by Rev. J. E. Ingham.....	5 00
Moorhead, First, by F. Goodsell.....	9 60
St. Cloud, W. F. Hicks.....	25 60
Verndale, by Rev. A. McAllister.....	5 00
Wadena, Ch., \$10.25 ; Jr. C. E., \$1.50, by Rev. J. H. B. Smith.....	4 00
West Minneapolis, Mizpah Ch., by Rev. M. A. Stevens.....	20 75
Worthington, Mrs. E. M. Porter, for the debt.....	3 50
	15 00

KANSAS—\$1,830.73.

Received by Rev. L. P. Broad :

Independence, Ingraham Memorial Fund.....	\$4 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Ingraham Memorial Fund.....	1 50
Kansas City, Bethel Ch.....	6 00
Milford.....	6 00
Ocheltree.....	2 09
St. Francis.....	3 00
Scatter Creek.....	2 60

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas.:

Alma, C. E.....	2 30
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Alton.....	\$1 10
C. E.....	3 80
Arkansas City.....	16 15
Burlington.....	34 00
Centralia.....	32 65
C. E.....	10 00
Chelsea Place, C. E.....	5 00
Council Grove.....	18 27
Douglass.....	8 45
Dover.....	2 50
Downs.....	17 00
Eureka.....	35 20
Fowler.....	2 50
Great Bend.....	25 35
Hill City.....	4 00
Independence.....	5 00
Kansas City, First.....	50 00
Lawrence, Pilgrim.....	3 52
Leona.....	22 50
Lenora.....	8 00
Linwood.....	5 00
Muscotah.....	24 15
C. E.....	5 00
S. S. Harvest Festival.....	3 00
Neosho Falls.....	6 00
North Topeka.....	3 57
Ocheltree.....	2 09
Oneida.....	2 00
Osborne.....	18 47
Ottawa.....	26 93
Overbrook.....	5 00
Plevna.....	4 05
Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	2 00
Ridgeway.....	1 84
Russell.....	8 34
Smith Center.....	12 50
Stockton.....	30 43
Strong City.....	2 32
Tonganoxie.....	16 00
Twelve Mile.....	9 81
Udall.....	30 00
Valley Falls, C. E.....	5 00
Wellington.....	27 47
Rev. H. F. Markham.....	10 00

\$568 26

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. E. C.

Read, Treas. :	
Alma.....	\$30 00
Atchison.....	8 00
Argentine, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 00
Blue Rapids.....	4 00
Burlington.....	15 00
Centralia.....	10 00
Council Grove.....	15 00
Chapman.....	10 00
Clay Center.....	4 50
Emporia.....	30 00
Eureka.....	21 62
S. S. Class No. 10.....	5 00
Garnett, Thank-offering.....	9 55
Goodland.....	1 25
Hiawatha.....	11 00
Kansas City, Pilgrim Ch.....	4 00
First.....	25 00
Kensington.....	2 00
Kiowa.....	8 00
Lawrence, Plymouth.....	10 00
Leona.....	4 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Leavenworth.....	40 50
Neosho Falls.....	3 00
Nickerson, Mrs. M. E. Scott.....	1 00
Mrs. Reed.....	25
Olathe.....	2 00
Osawatimie, Dime Bank.....	5 00
Jr. C. E.....	3 00
Osborne.....	3 00
Ottawa.....	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Parsons.....	7 65
Russell.....	4 00
Sabetha.....	5 80

## Seneca, in full to const. Mrs.

E. P. Tuller a L. M. ....	\$15 70
Jr. C. E. ....	3 25
Sedgwick .....	10 00
Smith Center .....	4 00
Sterling .....	5 00
Stockton .....	5 00
Topeka, First .....	79 03
Mount Union S. S. ....	3 40
Valley Falls .....	21 00
Wakefield .....	1 50
Wellington .....	5 35
Jr. C. E. ....	6 00
Wellsville .....	3 00
Wichita, Plymouth Ch. ....	15 00

Less expenses..... \$503 35  
9 69

\$493 66

Almena, by Rev. R. F. Markham....	14 01
Atchison, First, by Rev. O. C. Helming .....	13 25
Atwood, by Rev. J. J. A. T. Dixon...	3 00
Brookville, by E. H. F. Wright.....	5 00
Buffalo Park, \$6; Collyer, \$6, by Rev. I. M. Waldrop.....	12 00
Carson, \$7.90; Fairview, \$17, by Rev. D. Dunham .....	24 90
Comet, by E. Barnes .....	8 74
Cora, by G. W. McArthur .....	2 85
Diamond Springs and Six Mile, by Rev. G. M. Pfeiffer .....	3 23
Garden City, First, by Rev. L. Hull..	17 65
Garfield, by Rev. E. L. Hull.....	14 00
Hiawatha, by S. Bierer .....	51 35
Kansas City, Chelsea Place, by Rev. W. B. Fisher .....	1 00
Kinsley, by Rev. J. Winslow.....	4 00
Kiowa, Ch., \$14.80; Juniors, for Silver Circle, \$5, by Rev. J. E. Everett.....	19 80
Lawrence, Plymouth Ch. and S. S., by C. L. Edwards, to const. Mrs. H. H. Hazen, Mrs. M. M. Wilcox and Miss V. S. Edwards L. Ms....	150 00
Plymouth Ch., \$21.50; Wallace, \$5; Macon, \$10, by Rev. W. C. Veazie.....	36 50
Little River, by Rev. C. T. Young....	2 00
Longton, by Rev. J. D. Moore.....	5 75
Newton, First, by Rev. F. W. Hem-enway .....	31 67
Osawatimie, First Y. P. S. C. E., by T. S. Roberts .....	20 00
Parsons, First, by Rev. A. W. Bishop, Powhattan, \$14.22; Netawaka, \$5.19, by Rev. W. S. Bixby.....	29 00
Sabetha, Class A of the S. S., by Rev. L. P. Broad, for Salary Fund....	19 41
By Rev. A. C. Hogbin.....	1 53
Sterling, by C. A. Stubbs.....	2 00
Topeka, First, by H. C. Bowman....	17 59
North Ch., by E. Shutz.....	174 52
Valeda, \$5.70; Brookville, \$2.50, by Rev. W. C. Veazie.....	5 00
Vienna, by Rev. E. Pratt.....	8 20
Wabunsee, First, by J. F. Willard...	5 00
White City, by Rev. E. Richards.....	18 60
Wichita, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. A. A. Brower.....	3 61
	13 49

## NEBRASKA—\$871.58.

## Received by Rev. H. Bross :

Arlington.....	\$5 70
Cambridge.....	13 90
Friend.....	3 53
Wahoo.....	7 25

30 40

## Received by H. G. Smith, Treas.:

Alvo.....	\$1 05
Ashland.....	25 00
Aurora.....	50 37
Berlin.....	1 00
Bertrand.....	5 00
Burwell.....	8 32
Butte.....	1 90
Camp Creek.....	5 00
Clarks.....	1 15
Clear Water.....	1 35
Creighton.....	15 71
Douglass.....	1 33
Exeter.....	5 90
Fremont.....	27 75
Gloversville.....	1 05
Grafton.....	3 70
Harvard.....	5 27
Hastings, German.....	5 26
Inland.....	3 85
Irvington.....	20 20
Lincoln, Vine Street.....	25 00
Naponee.....	4 00
Omaha, First.....	20 00
Park.....	2 40
Salem.....	3 16
Sargent.....	1 10
Silver Creek.....	12 15
Spencer.....	1 05
Springfield.....	6 30
Steelburg.....	12 00
Stockville.....	1 00
Talmadge.....	1 15
Upland.....	1 50
Wallace.....	5 70
West Cedar Valley.....	4 00
Willowdale, Rev. G. T. Noyce.....	1 00
W. E. Jillson.....	5 00
Rev. C. S. Billings.....	13 42
W. H. M. U., Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Treas.....	243 99

Less expenses..... \$554 08  
2 33

\$551 75

Arberville, by F. N. Recknor.....	5 00
Butte and Naper and Fairfax, So. Dak., German Chs., by Rev. G. B. Baumann.....	4 61
Crawford, by C. Hoevit.....	4 00
Dodge and Howells, by Rev. A. Farnsworth .....	13 21
Doniphan, West Hamilton and North Hastings, by Rev. E. Cressman....	8 50
Ft. Calhoun, by Rev. S. A. Parker....	5 00
Franklin, by Rev. H. Bross .....	5 00
Gilead, C. E. Soc., by W. Shaw .....	40
Hyannis and Reno, by Rev. O. E. Ticknor .....	5 00
Indianola, by Rev. A. S. Houston....	10 27
Lincoln, First, by W. L. Fairbrother .....	21 75
German Ch., by Rev. J. Lich.....	10 00
Linwood, by Rev. H. C. Halbersleben.....	25 00
Long Pine, by Rev. W. J. Paske.....	16 22
McCook, German Ch., by Rev. J. Sattler.....	5 54
Monroe and Wattsville, by Rev. H. A. Shuman.....	2 50
Norfolk, First, by J. J. Parker, to const. Mrs. A. M. Bogle a L. M.....	80 44
Omaha, Cherry Hill Ch., \$11.55; Saratoga, \$11.45, by Rev. E. L. Ely.....	32 00
Hillside Ch., by F. M. Hamling....	9 29
Palisade, \$6; Hayes Center, \$1.40; Hayes Co., First, \$2.85, by Rev. T. C. Moffatt.....	10 25
Taylor, First, by F. A. Wirsig.....	4 47
Trenton, by Rev. D. Donaldson.....	15 00
Urbana, by Rev. R. S. Pierce.....	5 00

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$186.90.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs.

M. M. Fisher, Treas.:

Armenia.....	\$5 00
Dexter.....	5 60

\$10 60

Caledonia, by Rev. W. Griffith.....

5 00

Jr. C. E., by J. Clark.....

2 50

Dawson, \$2.93; Cando, \$16.64; Ob-

eron, \$17.10; Wimbledon, \$9.78;

Fessenden, \$8, by Rev. W. H.

Gimblett.....

54 45

Dawson and Tappan, by Rev. T. W.

Thurston.....

1 00

Dwight and Antelope, by Rev. D. T.

Jenkins.....

8 00

Fargo, First, by Rev. H. C. Simmons

Fornan, Rutland and Cayuga, by

Rev. J. H. Kevan.....

23 81

Hillsboro, by Rev. N. P. McQuarrie..

10 00

Inkster, by Rev. C. Y. Snell.....

9 00

New Rockford, by Rev. N.W. Hanke-

meyer.....

20 00

Rose Valley, by Rev. M. J. Totten...

Sanborn, Central Ch., by Rev. J. R.

Beebe.....

6 21

Wimbledon and Kensal, by Rev. W.

R. Whidden.....

8 75

## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$382.79.

Woman's H. M. Union; Mrs. A. M.

Wilcox, Treas.:

Alcester.....	\$ 5 00
Academy.....	2 00
Armour.....	3 20
Aurora, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Ashton.....	3 00
Badger Lake.....	12 80
Chamberlain.....	2 00
Columbia.....	2 40
Jr. C. E., Duncan.....	2 50
Deadwood.....	3 60
Firesteel.....	1 26
Howard.....	2 00
Huron.....	10 00
Iroquois, S. S., Infant Class	25
Lesterville.....	1 35
Letcher.....	1 00
Myron.....	81
Pierre.....	4 00
Redfield.....	9 25
Santee, Neb.....	5 20
Wakonda.....	5 00
Yankton.....	12 20

91 82

Academy and Kirkwood, by Rev. L.

E. Camfield.....

3 75

Bruce, by Rev. J. Kidder.....

10 00

Buffalo Gap, by Rev. T. Thirloway..

5 00

Chamberlain, \$17; White River, \$6.50;

Pukwana, \$1.50, by Rev. E. W.

Zenney.....

25 00

Columbia, Rev. I. R. Prior.....

84

Erwin, \$20; E. H. Tomlin, \$5, by

Rev. D. R. Tomlin.....

25 00

Friedens, Ch., \$2.50; Jakobs, \$6, by

Rev. H. Vogler.....

8 50

Gann Valley, Duncan, Pleasant Val-

ley, Ree Heights, Greenleaf and

Spring Hill, by Rev. P. B. Fish....

2 50

Gothland, by Rev. W. J. Marsh....

7 00

Hot Springs, First, \$3.65; S. S.,

\$5.36, by Rev. H. V. Rominger.....

9 01

Huron, Rev. W. H. Thrall, \$25;

Pierre Birthday Box, \$3.95; Wa-

tertorn, \$2.50, by Rev. W. H.

Thrall.....

31 45

In full, to const. Rev. B. H. Burt

and wife L. Ms, by Rev. W. H.

Thrall.....

\$81 90

Meckling, Ch., \$15.25; Y. P. S. C. E.,

\$1, by Miss E. K. Henry.....

16 25

Plankinton, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev.

C. R. Bruce.....

5 00

Spearfish, by Rev. T. W. C. Cheese-

man.....

5 00

Templeton and Logan, by Rev. Mrs.

A. T. Huntley.....

1 00

Vermilion, First, by G. E. Paddock.

Watertown, by Rev. H. S. Williams..

Wessington Springs and Anina, by

Rev. S. F. Huntley.....

7 00

## COLORADO—\$28.25.

Denver, Manchester Ch., by Rev. W.

B. Robb.....

7 00

Flagler, Seibert and Claremont, by

Rev. G. E. Tuttle.....

6 50

Lyons, First, by D. D. McAlpine....

Ward, by Rev. H. Sanderson.....

8 75

## WYOMING—\$8.

Manville, by Rev. A. D. Shockley....

8 00

## MONTANA—\$118.10.

Helena, Rev. W. S. Bell, Gen. How-

ard Roll of Honor.....

100 00

Helena, First, for the debt, \$5; Horse

Plains, \$1.77; Thompson Falls,

\$1.33, by Rev. W. S. Bell.....

8 10

Red Lodge, by Rev. W. H. Watson..

10 00

## UTAH—\$21.

Ogden, Lynne Ch., \$5; Slaterville,

\$3; Echo, \$5; Coalville, \$2, by

Rev. G. H. Perry.....

15 00

Salt Lake City, Coral Workers, by

Rev. D. W. Bartlett.....

6 00

## IDAHO—\$1.60.

Hope, by Rev. V. N. Roth.....

1 60

## CALIFORNIA—\$5,808.50.

Received by Rev. J. T. Ford:

Los Angeles, Plymouth....

\$31 00

Monrovia.....

6 00

Pasadena, First.....

104 70

Y. P. S. C. E.....

20 00

Paso Robles.....

13 20

San Miguel.....

2 35

San Jacinto.....

3 05

Sierra Madre.....

22 45

202 75

Received by John D. McKee,

Treas.:

Alameda.....

\$70 54

Y. P. S. C. E.....

59 00

Berkeley, Misses Sprague,

for the debt.....

2 00

Campbell.....

40 00

Corralitos.....

10 00

Decoto.....

5 20

Grass Valley.....

21 40

Green Valley.....

24 25

Kenwood.....

10 00

Lincoln.....

1 08

Lockwood.....

6 20



Martinez.....	\$46 45
S. S.....	1 80
Mission San Jose.....	6 45
Nevada City.....	9 55
Niles.....	33 50
Oakland, First.....	200 00
Miss Hawley's S. S. Class	10 00
Plymouth.....	73 80
Pacific Grove.....	7 00
Petaluma.....	30 00
Redwood City.....	4 15
Rio Vista.....	25 35
San Francisco, Bethany....	17 60
Sunbeams.....	5 00
Plymouth.....	130 00
Olivet.....	13 35
San Jose, Woman's Soc....	31 30
San Juan.....	9 00
San Leandro, Five Cents a	
Week Band.....	27 50
Santa Rosa.....	17 50
Stockton, First.....	82 15
Suisun.....	10 00
Tipton.....	12 50
Vacaville.....	16 05
Rev. J. D. Foster.....	5 00
Woman's H. M. Union,	
Mrs. J. M. Haven,	
Treas.:	
To const. Mrs. C. H. Dres-	
ser, Mrs. E. A. Eldridge,	
Mrs. C. K. Harris, S. M.	
Howard, Mrs. G. B.	
Hatch and Mrs. G. T.	
Hawley L. Ms.....	500 00
	\$1,574 67

## Received by J. D. McKee:

Alturas.....	\$ 5 00
Benicia.....	11 00
Berkeley, First.....	355 00
Crockett.....	5 00
Cloverdale.....	20 00
East Oakland, Pilgrim Ch..	25 00
Eureka.....	6 60
Fitchburg.....	8 20
Glen Ellen.....	3 85
Green Valley.....	15 85
Haywards.....	11 30
S. S.....	5 00
Kenwood.....	5 00
Little Shasta.....	35 50
Los Guillecos, Ladies' Soc..	6 00
Nevada City.....	7 00
Oakland, Market Street....	23 00
Pilgrim.....	6 75
Oakland, Rev. G. Mooar....	22 50
Oleander.....	16 45
S. S.....	5 60
Miss'y Soc.....	22 95
Oroville.....	17 55
Paradise.....	10 00
Pescadero.....	11 00
Redwood.....	13 50
S. S.....	2 40
Sacramento.....	75 00
San Francisco, Park.....	43 80
First.....	277 45
J. K. Harrison.....	1 20
Third, W. H. M. Soc....	23 00
Ch.....	85 10
Rev. J. Rowell.....	20 00
San Jose.....	130 15
Santa Cruz.....	50 00
San Mateo.....	62 25
Santa Rosa.....	2 00
Miss Nellie Burney, \$1;	
Mrs. Deyo, 50 cts.; Mrs.	
Kabro, \$1; Mrs. Gill, \$1.	3 50
Saratoga.....	64 25
S. S.....	1 80
Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 20
Sebastopol.....	16 00

Tulare.....	\$26 00
S. S.....	5 00
Woodside.....	4 50
Woman's H. M. U., Mrs. J.	
M. Haven, Treas.....	230 00
	1,801 20
Less expenses.....	1 20
	\$1,800 00

Woman's H. M. Union, South-	
ern Cal., Mrs. M. M.	
Smith, Treas.:	
Alpine, \$5.33; Y. P. S. C.	
E., \$1.18.....	\$ 6 51
Avalon.....	7 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Claremont.....	52 50
Compton.....	10 00
East Los Angeles.....	25 00
Escondido.....	20 00
Highland.....	5 00
Highland, "Royal Miss.	
Soc".....	1 00
Los Angeles, First.....	38 00
For Salary Fund.....	30 00
Central Avenue.....	2 00
Park Ch.....	10 45
West End.....	16 50
Bethlehem.....	5 00
Plymouth.....	5 50
Mentone.....	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00
National City.....	30 00
Ontario.....	13 50
Pasadena, First.....	56 35
S. S.....	20 00
Jr. C. E.....	2 50
Perris.....	34 00
Pomona, Pilgrim.....	51 90
Poway.....	5 00
Redlands, First.....	10 00
Young Ladies of the First	
Terrace.....	11 00
Riverside.....	100 00
San Bernardino.....	10 00
San Diego, First.....	25 00
S. S. of the First.....	10 25
San Jacinto.....	29 55
Santa Ana.....	7 00
Santa Barbara.....	30 00
Sierra Madre.....	5 50
South Riverside.....	11 50
Ventura.....	9 00
Vernondale.....	19 00
S. S.....	5 75
Whittier.....	10 00

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Bakersfield, First, by Rev. J. W.	
Phillips, for the debt.....	14 00
Belmont, E. L. Reed.....	10 00
Compton, First, by Rev. S. H. Wheeler	
Claremont, by O. H. Dewart.....	16 25
Daggett, by Rev. L. N. Barber.....	39 70
Fresno, German, by Rev. J. Legler..	2 50
Fresno, German, by Rev. J. Legler..	4 25
Lodi and Galt, by Rev. D. Goodsell..	2 50
Lorin, Park Ch., by Rev. J. D. Foster	
Los Angeles, Third, \$12; East Ch.,	
\$62.74; Y. P. S. C. E., \$5; S. S.,	
\$2.26; \$70, by Rev. J. T. Ford....	82 00
Park Ch., by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	46 00
Bethlehem Ch., by Rev. J. J. Find-	
lay.....	30 83
West End Ch., \$4.08; Y. P. S. C.	
E., \$3.26, by Rev. G. Morris.....	7 34
Needles, by Rev. J. F. Brown.....	15 00
Ontario, by Rev. A. E. Tracy.....	51 00
Pasadena, Mrs. H. D. Lyman, \$25;	
Miss N. H. Lyman, \$25.....	50 00
Pasadena, "G. L.".....	8 80
Perris, First, by Rev. W. N. Burr....	23 00

Pico Heights and Hyde Park, by Rev. J. M. Schaeffe.....	\$ 24 70	Beaverton, Bethel Ch. and Tualitin, by Rev. W. Hurlburt.....	\$ 5 00
Pokegama, Rev. B. F. Moody, \$5; Hornbrook, \$5, by Rev. B. F. Moody.....	10 00	Beaver Creek, \$1.10; Leland, 65 cts.; Oswego, \$1.25, by Rev. R. M. Jones.....	3 00
Pomona, Pilgrim Ch., by J. A. Dole.....	355 00	Eugene, First, by Rev. H. F. Gilt....	6 07
Poway, by Rev. H. C. Abernethy....	10 00	Forest Grove, Ladies' Miss. Soc., for the debt, \$32.20; Yaquina Bay add'l, \$1.45, by Rev. C. F. Clapp....	33 65
Redlands, First, by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	122 00	Hood River, Riverside, by Rev. J. L. Hershner.....	4 91
Redlands, A Friend.....	1 50	Hubbard, German Ch., by Rev. E. Grieb.....	2 00
Riverside, First, \$2.15; Y. P. S. C. E., \$11.85, by Mrs. B. Morse.....	104 00	Pleasant Hill, Mrs. E. Y. Swift.....	5 00
Rocklin, by Rev. E. D. Haven.....	27 00	Weston and Free Water, by Rev. A. R. Olds.....	16 00
Rosedale and Poso, by Rev. A. K. Johnson.....	7 00		
San Diego, by H. W. Brewer.....	127 00		
San Francisco, Bethlehem, by Rev. W. H. Tubbs.....	25 00		
Santa Ana, First, by M. Cotter.....	21 00		
Santa Barbara, by H. R. Hitchcock..	19 30		
Santa Paula, N. W. Blanchard.....	100 00		
Santa Rosa, E. F. Woodward, by Rev. G. A. Jasper.....	20 00		
Sierra Valley, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. L. Wallace.....	5 00		
South Riverside, S. S., by J. S. Jewell.....	17 00		
Vernondale, by W. Wight.....	19 00		
Weaverville, \$28.65; Lewiston, \$3, by Rev. H. H. Cole.....	31 65		
West Saticoy, A Friend.....	1 00		
Whittier, Plymouth Ch., \$10; Y. P. S. C. E., \$1; Buena Park, First, \$5.50, by Rev. G. Willett.....	16 50		
	34 20		
OREGON \$109.83.			
Received by Rev. C. F. Clapp:			
Condon, P. McPherson.....	\$ 5 00		
Forest Grove.....	15 65		
Portland, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First.....	5 00		
Yaquina.....	8 55		
	34 20		
			\$159.998 10
WASHINGTON—\$127.02			
Ahtamun and Tampico, \$1.75; Rev. D. W. Wise, \$2.25, by Rev. D. W. Wise.....			4 00
Blaine, by Rev. C. T. Whittlesey....			7 50
Edmonds, by Rev. T. C. Butler, for the debt.....			9 00
Ellensburg, First, by Rev. S. D. Belt, for the debt.....			11 50
Everett, First, for the debt, by Rev. F. W. Butler.....			8 00
Genesee, Idaho and Uniontown, by Rev. W. C. Fowler.....			3 00
Hillyard, Pleasant Prairie and Trent, by Rev. J. Edwards.....			23 00
New Whatcom, First, for the debt, Rev. H. Alling.....			40 00
Snohomish, First, by Rev. W. C. Merritt.....			18 92
Springdale, by Rev. H. M. Mobbs, for the debt.....			2 10
HOME MISSIONARY.....			123 94
			\$159.998 10
Contributions in March, excluding contributions for the debt.....			\$33,095 21
Legacies in March.....			114,862 00
Contributions for the debt in March.....			12,040 89
Total receipts in March.....			\$159.998 10
Contributions in twelve months, excluding contributions for the debt.....			\$224,656 11
Legacies in twelve months.....			233,510 58
Contributions for the debt to April 1st.....			80,439 64
General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....			\$73,256 58
Special for the debt.....			7,183 06
Total receipts in twelve months.....			\$538,606 33

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Aurora, Ill., First Ch., by Mrs. Chas. Wheaton, box.....	\$12 00	Hartford, Conn., Legacy of Mrs. Mary M. Phillips, by Donald Phillips, trunk.....	
Corban Asso. of New England Ch., by Mrs. D. W. Hurd, barrel.....	71 30	Ladies' Sew. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. E. C. Curtis, two boxes and two barrels.....	\$254 00
Bridgeport, Conn., Ladies of King's Highway Chapel, by Mrs. E. E. Hubbell, barrel.....	60 00	Second Ch., by Mrs. M. H. Graves, barrel.....	91 00
Bristol, Conn., H. M. Aux., by Mrs. J. H. B. Smith, barrel.....	100 00	Haverhill, Conn., Miss. Circle, by Mrs. Alice M. R. Skinner, box.....	47 12
Concord, N. H., Aux. of H. M. S. and Cent. Union of South Ch., by Mrs. C. B. Bancroft, box.....	125 50	Lakeville, Conn., Sew. Soc., by Mrs. Geo. B. Burrall, barrel.....	128 37
Glen Ridge, N. J., by Ella C. Langstroth, box.....	30 00	Marietta, O., Mrs. Douglas Putnam, package.....	25 00
Hanover, N. H., Mrs. Susan A. Brown, box.....		Middletown, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. Crittenden, two barrels.....	145 00

New Britain, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. S. H. Wood, box.	\$173 00	Portsmouth, N. H., North Ch., by Katherine H. Upton, box.....	\$128 00
New Haven, Conn., L. A. S. of United Ch., by Mrs. J. Evarts Pond, two boxes.....	249 55	Sharon, Conn., Mrs. F. A. Hotchkiss, box.	
New York City, Hospital Book and Newspaper Soc., two packages.		Stafford Springs, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. Ellen J. McLaughlin, box.....	230 00
North Hampton, N. H., Ladies' Dorcas Circle, by Miss R. M. Chapel, box....	48 62	Toledo, O., Second Ch., by Florence M. Nants, box.....	17 00
Orford, N. H., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. Isaac Willard, barrel and freight.	61 62	Tulare, Cal., Junior Endeavor Soc., by Mrs. E. D. Weage, box.....	20 00

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Woman's Home Missionary Association in February, 1896. MRS. LOUISE A. KELLOGG, Secretary*

Boston, Old South Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. W. B. Garritt, two boxes and two barrels.....	\$313 64	Fall River, First Ch., L. B. S., by Miss Sarah H. Kingsley, barrel.....	\$110 00
Brookline, Harvard Ch., Aux., by Mrs. G. Proctor, four barrels.....	1,001 93	Hopkinton, Ladies, by Mrs. S. B. Crooks, barrel.....	75 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., by Mrs. F. H. Hayes, barrel.....	50 00	Milbury, Mrs. Abby C. Kloss, package.	25 00
Prospect St. Ch., Aux., by Mrs. Curtis C. Nichols, box.....	117 00	Providence, Central Ch., Aux., by Mrs. T. B. Stockwell, box.....	231 65
Dalton, L. S. C., by Miss Clara L. Crane, box and barrel.....	119 70	Somerville, Franklin St. Ch., Aux., by Mrs. A. C. Hill, two barrels.....	154 48
Dedham, L. B. S., by Mrs. A. T. Wight, barrel.....	56 60	Springfield, First Ch., Aux., by Mrs. C. A. Graves, five barrels.....	264 55
Essex North Alliance, Newburyport, Belleville, M. S., by Miss A. E. Wiggins, barrel.....	112 91	Hope Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. E. H. Cutler, two barrels.....	135 00
		Whitinsville, L. B. S., by Miss Lila S. Whitin, box.....	156 22
			\$2,923 68

*Received in March, 1896*

Auburndale, Ladies, by Mrs. H. A. Hazen, barrel.....	\$65 14	Providence, Beneficent Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. T. Bemis, box and three barrels.....	\$240 94
Brookline, Mrs. Wm. T. Shapleigh, package.....	15 00	Central Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. T. B. Stockwell, box.....	125 09
Campello, Ladies, by Mrs. N. H. Washburn, barrel.....	50 00	Union Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. Wm. Knight, six boxes.....	468 03
Chicopee, Third Ch., Ladies, by Miss Ella M. Gaylord, cash, \$7, and barrel.	27 00	Randolph, Ladies, by Mrs. A. L. Chase, box.....	34 00
Dorchester, Harvard Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. K. S. Deane, barrel.....	75 00	Somerville, Prospect St. Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. E. S. Tead, box.....	25 00
Second Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. J. M. Phipps, two barrels.....	137 00	Springfield, First Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. C. A. Graves, rag carpet.....	16 25
Lynn, Central Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. J. L. Parker, two barrels.....	90 00	Westerly, R. I., Ladies, by Miss Julia E. Smith, box.....	120 00
New Bedford, Ladies, by Mrs. N. Freeman, box.....	100 00	Westhampton, L. B. S., by Miss Louisa J. Montague, barrel.....	40 00
Peabody, Ladies, by Mrs. Mary E. Trask, barrel.....	130 17		\$2,034 70
Pittsfield, First Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. R. W. Adam, two boxes and barrel...	276 08		

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

### MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in March, 1896. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treasurer*

Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor:		Boston, Childs, Mrs. Arthur E.....	\$100 00
Attleboro, Second, by C. E. Bliss, balance.....	\$86 45	N. E. P., A Friend.....	100 00
Barnardston, one-quarter share of pledge of "Four Franklin Co. Churches," by H. L. Crowell.....	25 00	Bradford, First, by S. W. Carleton, two shares, to const. R. G. Roberts, L. A. Drury, Wallace H. Kimball, and E. J. Bonette L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	200 00

Brookline, Harvard, Stone, Jas. S., by Jas. H. Shapleigh.....	\$100 00	Norwegian Ch., by Julius Rude.....	\$9 10
Gardner, First, by D. H. Rand, 1880 shares.....	148 00	Jorgensen, Miss Mary, by Rev. M. Olsen.....	1 00
Georgetown, Two Cong. Chs., by Henry Hilliard and H. Howard Noyes.....	100 00	Park St., by E. H. McGuire, to const. Mrs. Nellie M. Greenwood, Liza- beth E. Benson, Isabella B. Pratt, and Myra G. Frenyear L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	200 00
Great Barrington, First, by Clarence R. Sabin, two shares, to const. Ellen M. Pixley, Frances L. Girling, R. J. Logan, and C. R. Sabin L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	200 00	Roxbury, Highland, by John W. Hall E. C. A. Day Band, by J. W. Hall..	166 00 25 00
Greenfield, Second, by Miss Lucy A. Sparhawk.....	100 00	Boxboro, by A. W. Wetherbee.....	20 00
Hadley, First, by John N. Pierce....	100 00	Bradford, Ward Hill, by H. P. Waldo Braintree, First, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss S. L. Thayer, to const. Mrs. Mary L. Jennings a L. M.....	16 57 35 00
Hyde Park, Memorial to Mrs. Wm. C. Cristy and to const. William Cristy Perry and Merrill Cristy Hill L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	100 00	South, by H. B. Whitman.....	6 00
Lowell, High St., in memory of Mrs. Maria H. Clark, of Tewksbury, Mass., by S. A. Chase.....	100 00	Brookline, Harvard, by Jas. H. Shap- leigh, add'l to Roll of Honor.....	534 91
Mansfield, by Rev. Jacob Ide.....	100 00	Hall, Mrs. Josephine L., by Jas. H. Shapleigh.....	100 00
Montague, Turner's Falls, by Rev. H. C. Adams.....	100 00	Cambridge, Oliver, Matilda, Est. of, through Prospect St. Ch., by S. H. Fuller, for C. H. M. S.....	25 00
Newton, Auburndale, by C. C. Burr, to const. Eugene Francis Clark and John Foote Norton L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	100 00	Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Hol- brook.....	61 40
Byington, Rev. and Mrs. Ezra H....	100 00	Prospect St., Snow, Russell L.....	75 00
Northbridge, Whitinsville, Y. P. S. C. E., in memory of Elizabeth G. Thurston.....	100 00	Deerfield, Orth., A. Friend.....	10 00
Shelburne Falls, Young Ladies' Mis- sion Circle, one-quarter share of pledge of "Four Franklin Co. Churches," by L. M. Packard, Ch. Treas.....	25 00	Dracut, First, by Chas. L. Hodge.....	8 00
Uxbridge, Taft, Mrs. J., in memory of her parents.....	100 00	Dunstable, by Wm. P. Proctor.....	5 00
Ware, in memory of Frank Gilbert Fox, by his mother.....	100 00	Easthampton, First, by W. H. Wright..	66 61
West Tisbury, First, by U. E. May- hew.....	103 40	Everett, A Friend.....	40
Weymouth, South, Old South, by Rev. H. C. Alvord.....	100 00	Mystic Side, by Geo. W. Lewis.....	13 18
Woman's Home Miss. Asso., by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.: Natick, First, Sturges, Mrs. F. L.....	\$100 00	Falmouth, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss A. P. Jones, for Rev. A. G. Nel- son or debt.....	10 50
New Bedford, Aux., to const. Miss Emily F. Leonard and Mrs. L. H. Gibbs L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	100 00	Woods Holl, Y. P. S. C. E., by H. W. Bowles.....	5 35
Stoneham, Stevens Mission- ary Society.....	100 00	Fitchburg, Calvinistic, by Leslie A. Holden.....	127 17
	2,687 85	Foxboro, Bethany, Tracy Y. P. S. C. E., by Ida F. Carpenter.....	10 00
		Framingham, South, Grace, by G. M. Amsden.....	154 00
		Franklin, by J. Herbert Baker.....	8 00
		H. M. Rally, by Rev. C. W. Longren, add'l for debt.....	2 00
		Georgetown, Memorial, by Henry Hil- liard, add'l to Roll of Honor.....	19 00
		Great Barrington, Langdon, E. J.....	5 00
		Greenfield, Second, by Miss L. A. Spar- hawk, add'l to Roll of Honor.....	47 68
		Greenwich Village, by W. E. Glazur, Taft thank-offering.....	13 00
		Groton, A Friend.....	100 00
		Hanson, by I. C. Howland, Hartshorne service.....	10 00
		Hardwick, Calvinistic, S. S., by Rev. Harlan Page.....	5 00
		Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. Harlan Page.....	5 00
		Hinsdale, Stowell, Harriet B., Mrs., Est. of, by Milo Stowell, Ex.....	303 84
		Holland, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by L. E. Blodgett.....	15 50
		Hyde Park, Clarendon Hills, by John Holden.....	11 15
		Lakeville, Precinct, by T. P. Paull....	35 00
		Lawrence, Trinity, by Wilbur E. Row- ell.....	43 62
		Leicester, White, Cynthia E., by J. W. Robinson.....	7 50
		White, H. A., by J. W. R.....	21 00
		Leominster, "E. C. A. Day Coll.," by F. J. Lothrop.....	13 30
		Leverett, by C. F. Frary.....	20 38
		Mansfield, by Rev. Jacob Ide, add'l to Roll of Honor, L. Ms. to be named Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Alice Cole....	74 00 11 75
		Marlboro, Patch, Mrs. Lucy A.....	40
		Medway Village, Adams, Mrs. Peter, by Rev. R. K. Harlow.....	1 00
		West, Spencer, Mrs. E. J.....	1 00
		Middleboro, North, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Mabel Richmond.....	5 00
Amesbury, Union, by John T. Bassett..	4 60		
Andover Chapel, by W. F. Draper.....	21 00		
Students of Theo. Sem., by Warren F. Draper, add'l to Roll of Honor.....	13 00		
Attleboro, H. M. Rally, for debt, add'l.	1 00		
Bank Balances, February interest on..	12 79		
Barnstable, Hyannis, by Rosie C. Bearse, Taft thank offering.....	10 00		
Baker, Mrs. W. C., Taft thank offer- ing.....	1 00		
Leavitt, Miss Marion F., Taft thank- offering.....	2 00		
Bedford, S. S. class of E. G. Loomis..	1 56		
Belmont, Waverly, Jewett, Mrs. Wil- liam.....	1 00		
Boston, A friend, "W".....	2 00		
Boylston, add'l, by G. E. S. Kinney..	1 00		
Burnham, Everett.....	2 00		
Dorchester, Second, Barry J. L., by Miss E. Tolman.....	10 00		
Village Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Reuben Swan, w. p. g. to const. Mrs. Rufus L. Mason a L. M.....	15 76		
"M. T. A.".....	10 00		



Montague, Miller's Falls, by Mrs. D. L. Cushman.....	\$4 25	Taunton, Union, by Herbert S. Lane...	\$28 61
Natick, South, John Eliot, Y. P. S. C. E., by Oscar Hart.....	5 00	Walpole, "G.".....	25 00
Newburyport, Prospect St., by Chas. W. Bliss.....	29 05	Orth., by S. E. Bentley.....	46 00
Newton, Eliot, "A. A. S.," by Geo. N. Putnam.....	100 00	Orth., Job, Mrs. D. W., \$5; Job, Besie, \$1, for debt.....	6 00
For Armenian Work, by G. N. P.....	25 00	Orth., Silver, W. A., for debt.....	1 00
North, Evan., S. S., by William E. Lowry.....	15 00	Waltham, Garfield, Phebe S.....	1 40
Norfolk, Union, by W. E. Mann.....	15 00	Ware, East, by D. W. Ainsworth, to const. Miss C. A. Fairbank, George E. Holmes, Ernest F. Marsh, Matie K. Eddy, Ellen M. Gould, Thomas P. Studd, Henry E. Fisher, and Mrs. Lizzie M. Sturtevant L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	431 04
Northampton, A Friend.....	5 00	Wellesley Hills, H. M. Rally, by Rev. P. T. Farwell, for debt.....	50 02
Northboro, Evan., by Miss A. A. Adams.....	24 15	Special, for Rev. E. A. Paddock, Weiser, Idaho, by L. V. N. Peck.....	7 00
Northbridge, First, by Rev. J. H. Childs.....	21 00	West Boylston, by E. B. Rice.....	5 07
Rockdale, by Rev. J. H. Childs.....	13 00	West Newbury, First, by H. M. Goodrich.....	24 12
Whitinsville, Paine, Mrs. Anna L., in memory of her daughter, Lillian Paine, for the debt.....	10 00	West Springfield, Park St., by Samuel Smith.....	40 54
Palmer, Three Rivers, Union Evan., by E. F. Shaw.....	13 32	Weymouth, South, Old South, add'l to Roll of Honor, by Rev. H. C. Alvord.....	15 00
Pittsfield, South, by F. E. Peirson.....	85 20	Whitin, J. C., fund, Income of.....	25 00
Plainfield, by Rev. John A. Woodhull.....	7 04	Williamstown, Fernald, Prof. O. M., for C. H. M. S.....	15 00
Plympton, Silver Lake, Y. P. S. C. E., by H. W. Clemons.....	2 00	Lathrop, Mrs. L. A., for C. H. M. S.....	5 00
Prescott, by W. A. Witherell.....	10 00	Winchester, First, by Eben Caldwell, Treas., with — for Evang. C. acct.....	15 00
Quincy, Evan., by James S. Baxter.....	68 00	First, D. W. Skillings, Annuity, by W. D. Middleton.....	100 00
S. S. Prim. Dept., by Mrs. Hattie B. Merrill.....	5 00	Woburn, North, Y. P. S. C. E., by B. F. Kimball.....	1 82
Reading, by Dean Peabody.....	25 00	Worcester, Old South, by Edward Jerome.....	104 08
Reed, Dwight Fund, Income of.....	30 00	Plymouth, by F. W. Chase, L. Ms. to be named.....	55 13
R. I. Home Miss. Soc., Compensation for Armenian Service.....	10 00	Woman's H. M. Asso., by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.: Grant to French Prot. College \$214 28 Boston, Roxbury, Walnut Ave. Aux., toward Salary of Rev. Samuel Deakin, Cowles, Neb.....	86 00
Rochester, East.....	2 00		300 28
North, by A. K. Small.....	3 00		\$7,325 63
Rockport, Pigeon Cove, Swede Ch., by H. M. Petterson.....	2 00	HOME MISSIONARY.....	10 20
Sharon, by D. W. Pettee.....	22 05		\$7,335 83
Hill, A. H., add'l.....	3 00		
Shelburne Falls, by L. M. Packard, for C. H. M. S.....	50 00		
Shirley, Orth., by Rev. J. Torrey.....	11 00		
Shrewsbury, by Henry Harlow.....	21 00		
Southbridge, Globe Village, Evan. Free, by A. L. Hyde.....	13 52		
South Hadley, A. Friend.....	1 00		
Springfield, Merriam, Mrs. Chas.....	12 00		
North, by C. H. Rust, to const. Plumb Brown, M.D., and Miss Alice A. Wheeler L. Ms.....	80 00		
Sutton, by C. E. Hutchinson.....	15 07		

## RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society from January 1 to March 31, 1896. JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, Treasurer*

Central Falls, Cong. Ch.....	\$80 00	Plymouth.....	\$35 27
Little Compton, United.....	46 25	Union.....	141 45
Newport, United, \$54-37; A. McLeod, \$50.....	104 37		
Peace Dale, R. Hazard.....	50 00		\$1,628 35
Providence, Beneficent.....	\$237 05	Slatersville, Cong., S. S.....	26 26
Central.....	940 00	Interest.....	60 00
Pilgrim, of wh. \$200 for.....			
the Roll of Honor.....	274 58		\$1,995 23

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in March, 1896. WARD W. JACOBS, Treasurer*

Brooklyn, First, by M. W. Crosby, Young Mission Workers and Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$11 00	Brooklyn, for C. H. M. S. to const. Miss Marion E. Pray, of Brooklyn, a L. M.....	\$40 00
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Canaan, Falls Village, by Rev. C. W. Hanna.....	\$3 25	Middletown, First, A Member of the Home Missionary Society.....	\$30 00
Canterbury, First, one-sixth of income from Estate of Emblem L. Williams, by L. B. Morgan, Trustee.....	10 99	Morris, by Samuel A. Whittlesey.....	28 00
By Rev. Andrew J. Hetrick, for C. H. M. S.....	21 00	Naugatuck, by Miss Ellen Spencer.....	100 00
Chaplin, by Frank C. Lummis.....	18 13	North Canaan, East, by A. B. Garfield.....	5 11
For C. H. M. S.....	18 12	North Greenwich (see Greenwich).	
East Haddam, First, by E. W. Chaffee, for C. H. M. S.....	7 83	North Windham (see Windham).	
East Hartford, South, by Alfred I. Ensign.....	13 44	Plainfield, Wauregan, by Rev. S. H. Fellows, to const. Mrs. E. M. Collins a L. M.....	70 00
East Haven, by Rev. D. J. Clark.....	1 00	Poquonock (see Windsor).	
Ekonk (see Voluntown).		Rockville (see Vernon).	
Exeter (see Lebanon).		Somers, Somersville, by H. L. James, for C. H. M. S.....	8 15
Falls Village (see Canaan).		South Glastonbury (see Glastonbury).	
Farmington, First, by R. H. Gay.....	100 00	Sprague, Hanover, Y. P. S. C. E., by Jennie C. Gallup.....	3 00
Glastonbury:		Stonington, First, by Rev. J. O. Barrows.....	39 82
South Glastonbury, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by H. D. Hale.....	5 00	Thompson, by J. W. Dike, for C. H. M. S.....	39 25
Ladies' Miss. Soc., for Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Trumbull, by Sterling H. Booth.....	15 15
H. D. Hale, personal, for Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. Mrs. Emma S. Hale, Mrs. Margaret G. Crane, Mrs. Julia T. Clark, and Miss Florence J. Hollister L. Ms.....	100 00	Vernon, Rockville, by H. L. James.....	100 00
Glenwood (see Hartford).		Voluntown, Ekonk, by Rev. John Elderkin.....	16 65
Greenwich, North Greenwich, by B. Close.....	5 00	For C. H. M. S.....	\$1 50
Haddam, First, by Rev. E. E. Lewis.....	17 00	Rev. John Elderkin and family, for C. H. M. S., for part of share in Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor, taken by Plainfield Cong. Ch.....	6 00
Higginum, by R. J. Gladwin.....	15 00		7 50
Hanover (see Sprague).		Wauregan (see Plainfield).	
Hartford, First, by C. T. Welles, for C. H. M. S.....	349 60	Winchester, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S., by Harrie E. Starks.....	1 54
Daniel Phillips, for Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor, in memory of Mrs. Daniel Phillips.....	100 00	Windham, North Windham, by O. E. Colburn.....	4 50
Park, by Willis E. Smith.....	29 54	Windsor, Poquonock, by L. R. Lord.....	5 66
Glenwood, by H. M. Smith.....	5 71	Wolcott, by H. L. Andrews.....	8 00
Higginum (see Haddam).			\$1,513 19
Lebanon, Exeter, by Charles C. Loomis.....	36 00		
Middlebury, by Robert M. Fenn.....	23 25		

BOX

New Haven, United, "Ladies' Aid Society," box..... \$132 91

## ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in February, 1896.

AARON B. MEAD, Treasurer

Algonquin.....	\$13 19	Sandoval.....	\$10 42
Amboy.....	119 19	Seward, Second.....	3 20
Aurora, First.....	48 16	Springfield, First, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Bunker Hill.....	76 45	Shaw.....	10 00
Bureau.....	8 00	Stark, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 50
Chesterfield.....	13 00	Thawville.....	2 00
Chicago, Plymouth Church.....	77 26	Wauegan, First.....	25 00
Union Park Y. P. S. C. E.....	25 00	Winnebago, S. School.....	5 00
Englewood, Pilgrim.....	46 42	Woodstock, Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 00
Grand Avenue Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50	Wyoming.....	11 80
Dundee, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00	Woman's Home Missionary Union:	
Earlville, J. A. D.....	25 00	Canton.....	6 65
Elmwood, (Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.00).....	17 44	Chicago, New England.....	18 77
Geneseo.....	43 84	Leavitt Street.....	8 53
Hampton.....	4 44	Bethlehem.....	2 00
Jacksonville, Y. P. S. C. E.....	20 00	Evanson.....	10 00
Lawn Ridge.....	50 00	Oak Park, First.....	4 70
Marseilles.....	6 50	Ottawa.....	25 00
Maywood.....	27 70	Rockford, Second.....	31 50
Moline, First.....	4 00	Rosemond.....	11 00
Nora.....	26 41		118 15
North Aurora.....	50	Rev. J. D. McCord.....	16 66
Oak Park, First.....	161 82	A Friend in Illinois.....	10 00
Ottawa, (\$100 for Roll of Honor).....	101 61	Rev. S. Penfield.....	7 00
Paxton.....	1 78	Cash.....	13 40
Payson.....	12 70	Prompt Relief Fund.....	678 00
Peoria, Plymouth Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 62		\$1,865 66
Riley, Mrs. M. J. Sears.....	1 00		

## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804

and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA- TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 26 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 132 N. Col-  
lege Ave., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

#### 7. KANSAS

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. George L. Epps, Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. D. D. DeLong, Arkansas City.

#### 8. OHIO

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, The Morris,  
Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
St., Toledo.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St., Syracuse.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Bowles, Fargo.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President*, Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No. Portland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Portland.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President*, Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St., Tacoma.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street, Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Robbins, Ashton.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. H. Thrall, Huron.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President*, Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New Britain.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St., Hartford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St., Kansas City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave., Kansas City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave., Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Isaac Claflin, Lombard.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President*, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave., Des Moines.

## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President*, Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oakland.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St., Oakland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St., Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President*, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.



## 21. FLORIDA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

## 22. INDIANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, —  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

## 23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 353 So. Hope St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

## 24. VERMONT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. J. H. Babbitt, West Brattleboro.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

## 25. COLORADO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Charles Westley, Box 508, Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

## 26. WYOMING

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

## 27. GEORGIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

## 28. MISSISSIPPI

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Edith M. Hall, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

## 29. LOUISIANA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Miss Bella Hume, corner Gasquet and Liberty Sts., New Orleans.  
*Secretary*, Miss Matilda Cabrière, 152 North Galvez St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

## 30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 1214 Grundy St., Nashville, Tenn.

## 31. NORTH CAROLINA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, } Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

## 32. TEXAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. F. Burt, Lock Box 563, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave.,  
 Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Lansford.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Ter-  
 race, Philadelphia.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. H. Parker, Kingfisher.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. E. Platt, Guthrie.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. B. Hammer, Oklahoma City.

## 36. NEW JERSEY

INCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND,  
 AND VIRGINIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF  
THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

Organized March, 1891

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Bradford, Montclair.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. D. Hagerman, Montclair.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Denison, 150 Belleville Ave.,  
 Newark.

## 37. UTAH

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1891

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, 135 Sixth East  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. K. Warren, 508 Third South  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. D. Nutting, Third North and  
 Quince Streets, Salt Lake City.

## 38. INDIAN TERRITORY

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1892

*President*, Mrs. Fayette Hurd, Vinita.  
*Secretary*, Miss Louise Graper, Vinita.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Raymond, Vinita.

## 39. NEVADA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1892

*President*, Mrs. L. J. Flint, Reno.  
*Secretary*, Miss Margaret N. Magill, Reno.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Mary Clow, Reno

## 40. NEW MEXICO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1892

*President*, Mrs. E. H. Ashmun, Albuquerque.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Peter Simpkin, Gallup.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Samuel Dille, White Oaks.

## 41. BLACK HILLS, SO. DAKOTA

BLACK HILLS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
UNION

Organized October, 1893

*President*, Mrs. J. B. Gossage, Rapid City, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.  
*Secretary*, Miss Carrie Towner, Custer, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. S. Cushman, Deadwood, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.

## 42. IDAHO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1895

*President*, Mrs. R. B. Wright, Boise.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. A. Paddock, Weiser.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. D. L. Travis, Pocatello.

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## OHIO AND HOME MISSIONS

BY REV. J. G. FRASER, D.D., STATE SECRETARY

HIO is a paradise of sects. There are in the State, according to the census of 1890, eighty-four different kinds of religious people, comprising one-third of the entire population. Of these, seventy are more or less evangelical, while the rest rank all the way from the debatable ground of Unitarians, Universalists, and Friends, through Latter-Day Saints Reorganized, Christian Scientists, Shakers, and Christadelphians to Theosophists and Jews. Among these many religious folk are some queer ones. Indeed, in a rather monotonous and uncomfortable way, the dealer in figures is apt to wind up the story of any especially pestilent and peculiar sect with the statement that their chief stronghold is Ohio. For instance, the churches in Christian Union, organized on the basis of opposition to the war in 1864, have 103 of their 294 organizations in this State; Missouri coming next, but with only about half as many. The Primitive Baptists, anti-mission, anti-Sunday-school, anti-all-things-new, report 139 churches; and even the Old Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists have their representation; while the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, or Josephite or anti-polygamous Mormons, hold the old Mormon temple at Kirtland, and have eighteen organizations in Ohio.

This religious composite is perhaps best explained by the mixed character of the early population. Senator Sherman has written of Ohio that in 1787 it was the only land subject to sale by the United States, and "the result was that all the States established settlements in Ohio, and for the first time in our history the descendants of the Puritans of New England, the Dutch of New York, the Germans and Scotch-Irish of Pennsylvania, the Jersey Blues, the Catholics of Maryland, the Cavaliers of



CLEVELAND UNION CHURCH

Virginia, and the loyal refugees of Canada united their blood and fortunes in establishing a purely American State on the soil of Ohio."

Into this territory came Congregationalists, at the very first, and some years before Ohio became a State; to Marietta in 1788, under the counsel



of that Rev. Manasseh Cutler, himself a Congregational minister, who had so large a part in the shaping of the Ordinance of 1787, which made all the great Northwest free; and to northern Ohio, the Connecticut Western Reserve, beginning in 1796, to be followed in 1800 by Rev. Joseph Badger, the first of that long procession of self-denying and laborious missionaries sent by the Connecticut Missionary Society to the sons of Connecticut on "New Connecticut" soil. The Ohio Company, in 1788, under the lead of Mr. Cutler, sent \$200 to Marietta "to pay



SWEDISH CHURCH, CLEVELAND, OHIO

preachers and schoolmasters for the present." Dr. Dickinson says, "This was the first home missionary grant made to Ohio." In the first twenty years of the century the Connecticut Society sent thirty-five men into northern Ohio, who aggregated 175 years of missionary service. Later the National Society was equally generous, commissioning in one year as many as 110 men for Ohio. This work from the very first went largely into Presbyterian fields, so that prior to 1872, when the State Auxiliary was organized, as much home missionary money had gone into churches then Presbyterian as into churches then Congregational; giving occasion for somebody's description of Congregationalism as "a stream

that rises in New England, flows south and west, and empties into Presbyterianism."

Congregationalism is provincial in Ohio. On the Western Reserve, containing about one-sixth of the area of the State, are found two-thirds of the 38,500 members and five-eighths of the 257 churches. While in New England a black list contains the names of those towns, mentioned with bated breath, which contain no Congregational church, Ohio has no such church in thirty-eight of its eighty-eight *counties*; while nineteen more have only one church each. Of eighty-eight county seats, fifty-



LAGONDA AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

seven are unoccupied, and this although five have been occupied within the last ten years.

Of fifty-two towns having in 1890 over 5,000 inhabitants, twenty-seven, or one more than half, are without Congregational churches, and among those are several with a population of over 10,000. One Ohio local conference has churches in three States, and its extreme outposts are about 250 miles apart by the ordinary lines of travel. There are solid blocks of a half-dozen counties without a church; and one may travel for hours along trunk railway lines without passing a town containing a Congregational church. Of course the field is occupied by other reli-



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO

gious bodies. There are in the State 2,340 Methodist Episcopal churches, found in every county; more churches—though with fewer members—than in any other State. There are 1,000 United Brethren churches; 600 each of “regular” Presbyterian and Baptist churches, with 500 “Disciple” churches. But still the question arises whether we, who were first on the ground, ought not to be doing our fair share toward evangelizing our own Commonwealth. And this, added to the mighty mass of foreigners, the multitude of cities, the growing ore-ports on Lake Erie, makes Ohio, even in this centennial year of Congregationalism, still home missionary territory, with all the home missionary problems: the country, the city, the foreigner, the frontier, the down-town church, the institutional church, side by side.

This last category may represent with sufficient accuracy the present forms which home missionary work takes in the State.

The New England problem of the “hill town” is reproduced in Ohio, with variations. The Western Reserve is laid out in townships five miles square, and into these, through the dense forests, the pioneers were

making their way, beginning in 1796 and in the first quarter of the century. Soon at "the center," alike for business, social, political, and religious life, arose the "meeting-house," large and square and solemn ; built on the sacred pattern of the dry-goods box. And these country churches have been strong, and have had great share in the world-wide work of the kingdom, furnishing missionaries and ministers and teachers and money. But railroads were built, cities grew, the great West beckoned, farming became less profitable ; and so the census of 1890 told the story that *four-sevenths* of all the townships on the Reserve had lost in population during the decade, and the old pioneer county had decreased



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (TEMPORARY), CHILICOTHE, OHIO

by 1,500, even while its county seat gained 1,000. The country churches are still the quarries for the city, the West, and the ministry, and they *must have help* ; and that in rather increasing numbers.

Meanwhile Ohio had gained fifteen per cent. even while this tide was ebbing from the country ; and that means that "the city fever" is gathering great masses of people, Cleveland gaining sixty-three per cent., and some of the smaller cities much more. So that one-fifth of the inhabitants in 1890 were in the four largest cities, and one-half of the entire population of the State now lives in cities and villages of over 1,000 population. This plastic material, sometimes representing thousands of people with absolutely no church, is rather more easily molded



into the simple forms of a Congregational church than into any other. So Cleveland, under the efficient touch first of Dr. Ladd and his church, and later of an efficient City Missionary Society, has increased the roll of its churches by nine in ten years, and is now third in the number of our churches of the cities of this country. During the same time Columbus, under Dr. Gladden, has added three ; Toledo two ; Springfield, Mansfield, and Akron each one; and the important cities, all over 10,000, of Chillicothe, Dayton, Hamilton, Lima, and Portsmouth have been occupied in some cases by the Society, in others by a movement originating in themselves. Of some of these younger churches the history is striking. The whole religious and social atmosphere of communities has been changed, until the men who at the first came in drunk and broke up the meetings are now the officers of the church. Types of home missionary churches in Ohio cities are Cleveland, Union, set for the evangelizing of a whole community of wage-earners ; Mansfield, Mayflower, with almost half a city for its parish, and the First Church to help it ; and Dayton, well located to do its work as the only Congregational church in a wealthy city of 70,000.

The foreigner is much in evidence in Ohio, third in the States in its German population. Cleveland has two Welsh churches, one Swedish, one Bohemian, with four preaching stations, one church composed of colored people, one of English and Canadians, with fifteen more or less American ; while preaching services in connection with the churches are regularly conducted in Polish, German, and Italian. The Swedish Church in Cleveland, with its beautiful and suitable house of worship, is a model of faithfulness, consecration, sound piety, and earnest endeavor to care for itself at the first possible moment. The same can be said of the little handful at Ashtabula, composing what was for years the only church organization, save the Lutheran, among the Finns in this country, and striving, with the faithful pastor who has been with them from the first, to preach the Gospel not only to the 1,000 of that nationality there, but also to their countrymen in a half-dozen places in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Of the magnificent Bohemian work in Cleveland, with its three houses, four Sunday-schools, and fully organized life, it is needless to speak here, although it stands to the Ohio Home Missionary Society in the relation of an aided church, because Dr. Schauffler has already told its thrilling story in *The Home Missionary*.

Ohio and the frontier are words which seem at first unfitly coupled. But besides the larger cities of the State, with their perennial frontier, there are to be found in such lake ports as Fairport and Ashtabula, in the new town springing up in the woods about the greatest steel works in the country, and in the mining and oil towns of the State, all those conditions,

good and bad, outbreking sin and intense life, which make the frontier a field of especial need and especial hope.

Home Missions and the institutional church seem likewise, at first, mismated phrases. But they unite beautifully in a church in an Ohio city of 35,000, without helper or competitor in the form of a church within a mile, with thousands of people to look after, most of them skilled laborers of intelligence, and which, with half its support coming from the Society, has built, under the lead of a most devoted pastor, a house neat, complete, thoroughly workable, by which it seeks to touch and help men at every point.

Ohio comes to this centennial year of Congregationalism within its bounds and west of the Alleghanies, with very much land yet to be possessed, and but beginning to awaken to the possibility and the promise of its New Century.



## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

BY REV. ROSELLE T. CROSS, YORK, NEBRASKA

### XIII.—HOW A WESTERN CITY GROWS

WE all like to see things grow. A frost crystal on the window, a house plant, a garden vegetable, a tree, a child, a church, a college—we enjoy watching them and marking their growth moment by moment, day by day, year by year. Especially is this so if the growing thing is in any sense ours, or if we are to be benefited by its growth. It is exceedingly interesting to watch the progress of a rapidly growing Western city. Old settlers are around you who remember back from five to fifty years, when the ground on which the city is growing was nothing but a barren plain over which roamed those twin savages whose names are so strangely blended in the great West, the buffalo and the Indian. Strangers are shown with pride the first poor cabin erected on the site of the city, or the place where it stood, and also the tree on which some poor wretch or wretches were hung in the days of the Vigilance Committee. Early settlers never tire of telling how they pastured their cows and horses on the ground where the post-office or courthouse now stands. They seem to delight in constantly making themselves miserable by telling for what ridiculously low sums they could have bought, or did actually sell, land that now commands fabulous prices.

You, yourself, have built a house out on the very edge of the city, in order to get fresh air and country quiet, or perhaps in order to start a new church enterprise in a growing suburb. You look out of your win-

dow some morning and see a load of brick dumped on the level prairie beyond you. In the afternoon some men dig a cellar; the next day the masons come, and in a few weeks a house is completed and you have some neighbors. Then another house is built near it, and still another, perhaps a dozen just alike at one time, until finally, like the branch of a frost crystal on the window pane, a new street has been formed as if by magic. And in those houses children will be born, and will grow up to remember them as home. In them there will be wedding feasts, and on their doors crape will hang—bliss and sorrow, joys and tragedies succeeding each other through coming centuries.

Some one starts a little corner grocery near you in which the chief commodities are bread, candy, and tobacco. Then comes a drug store, then a meat market, then—or perhaps first of all—a saloon, and finally a new business street a mile long grows up in your vicinity, and through it there rolls the endless rumble of trade.

You look out of your back windows and see a hundred men digging and shoveling as for dear life, only two blocks away. "What does it mean?" you ask of your neighbor. "Why, haven't you heard? They are building a circle railroad to run to the suburbs and ultimately to extend around the city." "Sure enough, I did see something about it in the paper the other day," you answer. In a few days the track is laid and a motor car is running, before the astonished and indignant property owners on that street can get out an injunction. "A circle road to run around the city" sounds plausible, but probably it only covers the scheme of some sharp men to get a valuable franchise which sooner or later will be sold for a large sum to some railroad seeking an entrance to the city. "Where are all those wagons going that for several days have been passing the house, loaded with heavy timbers and railroad ties?" You soon learn that they are for a new railroad which some capitalists have begun to build. It is projected to run a thousand miles to the Gulf of Mexico. It will make a large region tributary to the city and will add immensely to the city's wealth. Far-sighted business men have been studying geography, and they expect to create new and change old channels of commerce. A rival road is fighting the new road and will not allow it to cross its tracks, and hence they are drawing all that heavy material by your door. "Husband, what are those queer-looking, lumbering coaches that pass the door every few minutes?" "Those, my dear, are the new line of herdicks that has been put on our street. You can ride to the city now for five cents instead of walking or begging a ride. And very handy they are until something better comes." You go away for a week's vacation and on your return you are surprised to find a street-car line laid by your door and a half-mile beyond. You feel that you are no longer in the remote suburbs of the city. You soon learn, however, that street-car

lines are helpful to two very different classes of people : dealers in outside real estate and pastors of inside churches. "What big tent is that that was put up over there yesterday?" "Oh, that is another new church enterprise. A Sunday-school will be organized there next Sunday and a church the Sunday after, and in a few months a brick church will take the place of the tent."

If you have already started a similar enterprise, the first one in that part of the city, and are having a hard struggle to build a church and gather a congregation, you are apt to feel a trifle sorry, especially if within a year three such new enterprises come and form a circle round you and within a few blocks. But you know that while it makes your own pioneer work harder, the time will come when all will be strong churches and will all be needed. And so with as good a grace as you can you bid the new pastors Godspeed in their work.

Out on the very edge of the city, or a little beyond it, a large, substantial building grows day by day. It is not in quite so much of a hurry as some of the other buildings, but it must be finished by the first of September. It is an eight-roomed school building, and when it is ready it will be promptly filled, for some of the older buildings are accommodating two sets of scholars daily, and a host more of youngsters are on their way to that locality from all over the world. Into that educational mill will pour children of every nation and denomination to be made into good American citizens. You know that the business men on the school board have studied the matter carefully, and you feel that it is safe to plant a church near where they plant a big school building. You happen to visit the freight depot and you find it crowded with the household goods of people who can find no home to rent. New houses are rented in advance, or even sold, as soon as the foundations are laid. You go to a distant part of the city and can scarcely find your way, so many have been the changes since you were last there. Your own house was the first one in the block, and the open plain was beyond you. You thought you would have breathing room for a long time to come, and a chance to pasture your cow on the vacant lots around you. But almost before you know it there is a house close up to yours and a bedroom window within six feet of your own. A part of Europe is at your next door. Over on that hill across the creek huge derricks are rising into the air. Slowly and in a dignified way there rise the walls of a million-dollar State Capitol. On a central site foundations are laid for a United States Government building. A few years pass and they are still there. Haste does not become the dignity of a great nation. Many jokes are passed about those "old ruins," and speculation is rife about what their origin was. Old settlers notice a slight change, as the years go by, but long before the building is finished the city clamors for a far larger and cost-



lier one. You go to call on a church member who lives on a farm a few miles out in the country, and find that speculators have bought the farm at a high price and staked it off into town lots ! And so it goes.

What must the Church of Christ do in such a growing city ? Must she build her institutions as rapidly as people build their houses, or as slowly and substantially as a great nation erects its buildings ? She must combine the two methods ; and how that is done may be shown later.



### HOW ONE CHURCH DID IT

It had been stated many times from the pulpit that the home missionary collection ought to be doubled. The pastor had prayed and preached about it ; but his congregation of farming people always said : “ We have so little money we cannot give more.” At last a happy thought came to that pastor, and he said one Sunday : “ Brethren, let us make an offering of ‘ first fruits ’ for Home Missions. Bring to the church next Tuesday anything you have, that you are willing to give to the home missionary cause. All kinds of fruits, grains, and vegetables ; chickens, turkeys, pigs, calves, sheep ; and anything else, either animal or vegetable, will be received. The ladies have arranged to give ‘ a family tea ’ on Tuesday evening ; so bring all the members of your family, and after tea we will dispose of the gifts in some way.” The scheme worked like a charm. Early Tuesday morning the gifts began to arrive. Sacks of potatoes, onions, popcorn, beans, cabbages, squashes, pumpkins, beets, and turnips, with coops of chickens, several pigs, a calf, turkeys, eggs, etc.

But very soon the articles presented began to be in demand. Said Farmer Jones, “ Who owns these onions ? Mine didn’t do well ; I want to buy a sack.” “ All right,” said the man in charge ; “ you can have the onions for one dollar.” The money was paid. Another wanted some cabbages ; another some squash ; another some beans, and so on. The coops of chickens brought good prices, and there were not half enough turkeys to supply the demand. The pigs sold readily, one bringing five dollars. Before the people gathered for “ tea,” nearly all the things contributed had been sold for cash ! After “ tea ” all the remaining articles were “ auctioned off ” at a fair price. And what was the result ? One of the grandest “ social times ” the church had ever enjoyed, and *more than one hundred dollars* for the home missionary treasury—three times as much as the best “ collection ” had ever reached ! Hundreds of “ country ” churches can by this plan put a great amount of money into the depleted treasury and never feel one cent the poorer. Try it.

## IN A LOGGING CAMP

WHEN I came here there were but three or four log shanties, with a log boarding-house in which I preached to about thirty men and three or four women. Now, after six months, we hold service in a nice frame schoolhouse.

Yesterday I had our first funeral, in a little cottage of four rooms, two below and two above. The remains of the dead husband and father were taken to the woods in the lumber company's delivery wagon; two of the fatherless children rode with the driver, while the poor widow and the other child walked behind with the pall bearers.

Only one other grave marred the unbroken ground; but nearly forty cases of typhoid fever, in our population of 300 to 400, make it likely that broken woods and fresh earth will soon mark the spot where others must shortly be laid.

A large class of those who come to work in the woods—especially of those who follow camp-life in summer and winter—do not wish to be “tormented before their time;” they only ask “to be let alone” in their sins. I am the only minister within fifty miles.—*Wisconsin.*



## STRAITENED, BUT PLUCKY

ONLY those who have seen a Dakota parish can realize what we all have just been through with—through with the worst now, we hope. In many a parish the people could not pay their subscriptions, for they had no money, though glad to help us with articles from their farms. The help we get from the Home Missionary Society has been a boon whose blessings no one can tell. What could we have done without it?

I have in one of my congregations eighteen, formerly German Lutherans, drawn to me by my ability to speak with them in their own tongue. For the past two months I have been in Germany improving my use of the language. To speak German well is a powerful help for the Master's work here. I went and returned in “the steerage,” because I had no money for going otherwise. Both of my fields are promising. If we can only have good crops, these churches can soon be self-supporting. The work of preaching the Gospel in a hard Dakota field is so agreeable to me that I should feel like a soldier trying to sleep in a bed—out of which he climbs and lies down on the floor—if I were to return to a self-supporting well-paying parish of the East. This work is full of inspiration.—*South Dakota.*

## THAT CIRCULAR LETTER

BY MRS. H. M. UNION

I AM much interested in the Woman's Homeland Unions of this country, and greatly enjoy attending their annual meetings. It was at one of the inspiring meetings of the Kansas Woman's Union that I heard about "that circular letter," from a much perplexed vice-president. She said :

"This is my second year as vice-president, and perhaps some of you will remember listening to my tale of woe last spring, when I told some of the experiences and disappointments of the new vice-president of a conference. You know the *new* vice-president has great confidence that her new plans are going to work. She thinks with great complacency of the surprise of more experienced vice-presidents at her remarkable success. The letters that she will get ! The mail will be so packed with responses to her appeals that really she will need an amanuensis. The old story of writing to the secretaries of auxiliaries for reports of their work, and then watching daily for the postman to bring the letters that never come, is all unknown to her ; but there comes a day, all too soon, when the conceit is taken out of her. Her dreams of power have vanished.

"But there is one comforting thought left us. If we can only be humble enough to let these disappointments be known, we find that every sister in this official position has passed through the same fire. Now that I have confessed so much, please allow me to tell you of just one of my bright plans for the year.

"This thought came to me at the close of last year. Well, now, if those secretaries paid so little attention to me this year, how do I know that they will do anything for me next?—and I do want to have a good report to present the Union at the next annual meeting. So I tried to think of some plan, new, of course, although it might have been tried a hundred times for all I knew, because I had never known anything about the work or how it had been carried on. It didn't occur to me, however, that any one else could have thought of my plan.

"Well, this very original thing that I had planned to do—somehow it doesn't seem original at all now—was to start a 'circular letter.' I decided that it should go, first, to the secretaries of our Topeka societies, and that they would each write a letter of interesting items and methods connected with their society, and let it pass on, each secretary adding her letter as the package reached her, and sending it on to the next place on the list. After this letter had gone the rounds, each society reading all that had been written, it was to come back to me to be used in my report.

"It seemed to me that my plan was admirably arranged, and I was very particular about the little explanatory note that went along with this

'circular letter.' It started on its way before the summer vacation, and during the summer I very often thought of that letter with such a comfortable assurance that I had been able to arrange it all so nicely, and that it was helpfully going on its way, taking its words of encouragement with it.

"When fall came, and I began writing to the secretaries, I thought I would inquire and find out just how far the letter had gone. I had given plenty of time for its journeyings, thinking that each society might wish to keep it to be read at the next meeting.

"I really think I needed the sympathy of all my friends when, one after another, the replies came, incidentally mentioning the fact that the 'circular letter,' from which I had hoped so much, had never reached them. I tried in vain to find it; it was lost and gone, and with it went all my conceit. A great many things might be imagined concerning that letter, but the most reasonable supposition, to my mind, is that it is still circulating around the inside pocket of some good man's coat. In my grief over this loss, I must not fail to render thanks that my fears of neglect from the secretaries this year have been groundless, for many of them have stood by me most royally."

So much for the Kansas confession. To me, the plan of this officer is suggestive, and in the hope that it may prove suggestive to others, I pass it on.



## TIMELY AND WELCOME MISSIONARY BOX

You will be interested to know about our missionary box. We find it an interesting subject still, it was so thoughtfully chosen to suit our needs, and contained so many delightful surprises.

Husband and I were both quite ill when the box came. We had the influenza in a rather exaggerated form, probably on account of the bad water. Our well gave out, and we had a sand pipe put in. Since then we have plenty of water, but it is not good. Some persons say we are drinking lake water. Whatever the cause, we had two weeks of what seemed like malarial fever, and with it the influenza. Although there was illness in nearly every family, our friends took good care of us, coming by turns to bring us dainties and help us. One very poor woman brought us a quail which her husband had shot for her.

When the box came I was beginning to wonder what we should do if husband had a long sickness, for his wardrobe was in a very ragged condition. That very morning the dray came to the door with a barrel and a box. We had received a letter from Mrs. G., of the Old South Church, asking for information concerning our work here, and for a further list of our wants.



I wanted to see the unpacking, so husband carried the things where I could watch him. "Which shall we open first?" "I'm interested in underclothes." "There are books in this box, or I'm mistaken." Of course I had to yield to *books*. And indeed there were books in the box—forty volumes, a third of them perfectly new, and all valuable and just what we most needed. There were only one or two that we had already, and those we can make good use of.

The barrel contained more than I supposed even a missionary barrel would hold. There was a warm blue cloth suit, a very nice winter overcoat, and, best of all, a heavy chinchilla storm coat. That met one of our greatest needs, and the coat was all that could be desired. There was a generous supply of socks—cotton, fleece-lined, woolen, and silk; shirts, collars, and cuffs, three suits of warm underclothing, and three night-shirts. There were thread, soap, pins, beeswax, mittens, neckties, and towels. There were sheets and a nice red tablecloth.

I never saw my husband more pleased, and I think the books had a good deal to do with his recovery.—*M. B. W., Iowa.*



## AMONG THE LUMBER CAMPS

*OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA*

I AM writing this from a new town just started in the northern part of this great State. It is in the very heart of the pine region of this north-western country. We are away up very near the British possessions; in fact, so near that I presume if there were a direct road a good team would land us there in ten or twelve hours. Until a few weeks since, when the town site was plotted as the result of the Brainerd and Northern Railroad having reached this point, there were no white settlers in these parts. Indians are here in plenty, but no white men except those who are living in the various lumber camps scattered all over this vast forest. The place will undoubtedly be for some time headquarters for the immense business that is being done by the Minnesota Logging Company. This company is a kind of combination of all, or nearly all, of the large lumber firms of Minneapolis. The object of this fusion has been to move the many millions of logs from the woods to Brainerd, where they are put into the Mississippi River and floated to the mills. For a time this will also be the terminus of the Brainerd and Northern Railroad, which will compel a large number of railroad men to make this their place of abode. Then it seems likely that when this county, one of the largest in the State, is organized, the county seat will be located here. The considerations to which I have referred, then, were sufficient to justify our wide-awake

Superintendent of Home Missions in seeing that the place must be at once occupied, and, if possible, preëmpted for Christ. Accordingly I was asked to come up, for three months at least, and commence operations. I had to think this over quite a little before I said yes, for past experience in similar work assured me of the many difficulties and much exposure to be met, and the unusual amount of grace and tact that would be required to be in any degree successful. Despite these impressions, however, it was laid on my heart to come. I have been here now some weeks, and all that I anticipated and much more has been already experienced. Yet, having come and opened fire against the enemy, I am not going to be easily discouraged. Many of those who may read this article have possibly but little idea of the immorality and terrible disorder always attendant on the starting of a new town in the woods. Saloons, gambling houses, and worse, are always the first to start business. There are always hundreds of men in the woods at the lumber camps; sometimes thousands are within easy reach of where the town is started, so that the material for such places as have been mentioned to work upon is in the woods awaiting their arrival. When I came here I found all this machinery at work. At that time, with the exception of the depot, only three buildings were far enough along in construction to be used. Two of these were doing a thriving business as saloons; the other, a hotel, was having an annex built where the same business was to be carried on. I at once made known who I was, and arranged to have preaching twice in the office of one of these buildings. When the time of service came, crowds of men were sitting around three or four card tables in the large office, playing what to them, I suppose, were very fascinating games. It required some courage to stand up and say, "Boys, wouldn't you just as soon have the programme changed for about fifty minutes, and let me conduct a short preaching service?" As soon as the request was made all the cards were stacked on the tables and general respect was manifested. Of course, here and there a smile could be seen on the countenances of some because of the apparent incongruousness of my position. To be faithful to God and yet not to arouse unnecessary antagonism on the part of such men in such circumstances severely taxes the skill of an ordinary mortal. An injudicious step or an incautious expression at the commencement of such a mission might necessitate one's having to take the next out-going train. The service passed off pleasantly, but as soon as I was through the tables were again arranged and the card-playing was resumed. I had to interpolate the programme in the same way in the evening.

Since my coming I have been very active, not only here, but in going around to the lumber camps and preaching the everlasting Gospel to the many who gather in them to eat and sleep. Usually in this way I can get a congregation of from fifty to a hundred men every night in the

week, if I could stand the hard strain on one's physical strength. I have never before seen the opening that is here presented to our Home Missionary Society to do good. But two men should go together in this work—one who could lead the singing and see to much of the detail of the work, the other to preach. To go into these large camps and manipulate the peculiar class of men you meet there, lead the singing, do the reading, praying, and preaching, and perhaps have to walk from five to ten miles to get to camp, is too much for one. Yesterday I walked ten miles to two camps, conducted service in each, came back home and preached in the evening. After doing this I could not have said, as I heard B. Fay Mills, the evangelist, once say in Minneapolis, that he never felt tired after his day's work. To say that I was tired last night would have been putting it very moderately.

Will the readers of *The Home Missionary* pray that God's blessing may be upon this work, and that this new town may be one in which God will be recognized, and where the Gospel will become a mighty power?



## FOR THE SILVER CIRCLE

BY MRS. H. M. UNION

WITH THE MISSIONARY WIFE

It is not a large town, neither is it a new town, so I cannot tell you any thrilling tales nor hairbreadth escapes; but I wish I might take you over this field in the missionary wagon, drawn by two strong horses which make up in faithfulness what they lack in beauty. But first I wish I could paint for you the change that has come over the whole valley since work began here two years ago. The missionary wife is our charioteer, and, while guiding the horses, gives us a glimpse of the past. Let us listen:

"My husband began work here in a dirty, dark dance hall. I used to look at such pictures in *The Home Missionary* with a complacent feeling that I didn't have to go to church in such a place. He worked here a year before he would allow me to join him. He came on East to get some money for a church building, and I returned with him. My feelings are better imagined than described, when I stepped from the train and saw this place for the first time. There were days when I could not bear to see or hear the East-bound train, as it rushed through the town.

"And my first Sabbath in that dance hall will always stand out in my memory like a nightmare. When I am inclined to be discouraged, I compare the condition of things as they were then with what they are now,

and can say : ' Surely, it is the Lord's doings, and marvelous in our eyes.' We remained in that dance hall until January, 1894. The audience steadily grew, and the Sunday-school nearly outgrew the whole."

She was silent, but we judged from her shining face that the pretty new church occupied her thought just then. Would that you, dear Eastern friend, might look into this beautiful little church, complete in every detail, which has taken the place of the old dance hall. It is painted on the outside a neat stone color ; the graceful steeple is occupied by a sweet-toned bell that reaches the ears of people ten miles away. The main room is large and convenient, seated with chairs ; the windows are of cathedral glass, presented by the young people of the East. A prayer-meeting room and ladies' parlor open off from the main room, separated by glass doors. A convenient kitchen, fully furnished, opens off the parlor, and from it is a room occupied on Sunday by a large adult Bible-class. The walls of the church are tinted a delicate lavender, done by the pastor ; the woodwork is oak finish, oiled and varnished. The whole effect is restful to the eye ; and really, if you could walk into that church some bright Sunday morning, and look over the thoughtful, well-dressed people, you would hardly believe that this work was begun only two years ago with a few indifferent, rude people, in a dirty dance hall. Please remember that this work could not have been done but for the Congregational Home Missionary Society and dear Eastern friends who believe in Home Missions.

Let us look over the church membership. One of the adults is a reformed drunkard, whom the preacher found in the gutter. Another was a saloon-keeper's wife. She had been a gay, frivolous woman, but came to Christ wholly. She soon began to see the sin of her husband's business, and with womanly tact set to work to get her husband on to their ranch. It took her a year to accomplish it, and she said : " My husband is very slow in deciding a matter, but when he decides, the matter is settled." She succeeded as she deserved to ; worked with him in the field, lived uncomplainingly in two little rooms through all the hot weather, but is rewarded by a good crop, and by hearing her husband say : " I've sold my last glass of liquor." She has developed into an earnest Christian, and a refined, intelligent woman. If nothing else has been accomplished here, is not the transformation of that woman and that home worthy of the effort that has been put forth ? In the evening we gleaned one more bit of experience from the preacher's wife :

" In order to really understand the work, you should go touring with me. Imagine a hot day in August, the thermometer marking 108 degrees. Your courage wavers a little. Well, never mind ; put on your coolest dress, a broad-brimmed hat, climb into the missionary wagon, and away we go. Now we are speeding along over the hot sage-brush plains. The dust is



terrible, isn't it? It fills your eyes and ears and nose and hair, and spoils your freshly ironed dress. Do I get used to it? No, I do not; and I don't believe I ever shall.

"We have come ten miles to a little shanty in the midst of the sage-brush, the dreariest shrub that grows—not a tree to give shade. We are warm, soiled, and tired. Knocking, the door is opened by a little woman whom we recognize at once as a lady. Entering the tiny parlor, our eyes light on a beautiful piano that fills one corner, a well-filled bookcase in the other. Glancing into the kitchen, which is immaculate in its neatness, our eyes rest on the fresh, green house-plants that are full of blossoms. We sink into our chair, feeling sure that we shall thoroughly enjoy this call. Imagine our delight to find that this lady is from Chicago, and that we have mutual acquaintances. How our tongues fly! As a result of this call, the lady joins our Missionary Society, comes to church with her husband, and has promised to learn to drive alone and hitch the horses, if he will not bring her.

"We tear ourselves away, and go to the next place, where there are many children and a number of adults, all living in three rooms. As we enter the apology for a gate, we wonder if we can reach the door in safety: cats and dogs, pigs and chickens, and dirty, half-clad children hurry and scurry hither and thither. A discouraged-looking, unkempt woman appears wonderingly at the door, and with a martyr-like air bids us 'come on in.' We enter a wretched room; bare, little furniture, no curtains, and not a picture on the soiled board wall. We occupy the one chair, and inwardly wonder if it will hold us, while the lady of the house stands and stares. One by one the children gather about her with curious eyes; the chickens get familiar and come into the living-room, while flies threaten to devour us. There we sit, so warm, so tired, so dusty, wondering what we can say to wake up this poor woman before us. We are at our wits' end to know how we may win her poor, benighted soul. After exhausting every topic we can think of, an inspiration causes us to buy some fruit. This touches the heart of the man of the house, and he brings in an enormous watermelon, and I tell you it tastes good. Now that the ice is broken, the poor woman owns that "back East" she was a church member, and she and her husband know that it isn't right to work on the Sabbath; he promises to 'hitch up' and take the family to church. When I get home, I look over my supplies from the last missionary box, and perhaps find a good garment that the mother can use. This warms her heart, and finally, inch by inch, she lets me into her confidence, and I am able to exert some influence over her for good.

"Oh, the people here seem so ignorant, so asleep, and so perfectly content with their condition. I come home utterly worn out—these country roads are not boulevards—discouraged, and, yes, I'll own it, a good deal

disgusted that any one in these United States, in this glorious century, can be content to merely exist.

“‘Well,’ my good husband says, ‘we are here for the very purpose of waking these people up.’

“But I say, ‘I doubt if anyone, short of Gabriel, can put life into these dead bones.’ Yet we have only to look back and exclaim again: ‘What hath God wrought!’ and to say from our hearts, *Home Missions do pay*.”



## STILL ON THE FRONTIER, IN SPOTS

THERE are large portions of this great State of Nebraska which in many respects may still be regarded as on the frontier. Anyone visiting only the eastern line would be likely to form far too exalted views of the whole State. The eastern portion, feeling the first touch of the advancing tide of immigration, has very naturally developed more rapidly along all lines. Within the eastern belt the principal cities are found, and, as may be expected, the social, educational, and religious conditions have developed with the growth of population.

The State University at Lincoln affords great advantages in the way of education to even the poorest, and is bidding fair to become in the near future one of the best educational centers of the West. Still the claim so frequently and loudly made by interested boomers of the State, that “Nebraska has the smallest percentage of illiteracy,” must at present find its foundation in imagination rather than fact. In the general settlement of these vast rolling prairies various nationalities have had a large share. All through the State colonies of Germans, Dutch, Swedes, Swiss, and other foreigners are to be found.

One of our boys, Willie, aged eighteen, is now teaching a district school a few miles away where the people are nearly all Dutch. At first he could make very little headway with the children, because they would persist in using their Dutch language during recess. Gradually, however, he has trained them into keeping their vernacular for home use. In such cases ignorance along many lines may be expected. It is not among foreigners exclusively, however, that the Home Missionary has to contend with ignorance and vice. I have met with glaring examples of gross ignorance among the purely American element. Let me give you a few cases.

Three years ago some of the people in this little village thought it would be a good thing to have a Fourth-of-July celebration. Accordingly, a committee of the principal business men, old settlers, were appointed to prepare a programme. It was readily decided that it would

be in order to have the time-honored Declaration of Independence read. Then the question arose as to what book it was to be found in. One man in all seriousness bet another ten dollars that it was either in the Old or the New Testament. He was sure it was in the Bible.

A few weeks since, in a district schoolhouse north of us, a discussion arose between the director and the treasurer as to who planted the first church in America. One of the men was Protestant, the other Catholic. The latter was sure that the Catholics were here first; the former declared the Protestants planted the first church in this country, and, further, he believed that Martin Luther came over to do it! The discussion waxed so warm that finally they came to blows, in which Luther's champion came off victorious.

Quite recently I was talking to one of the neighboring farmers, when he informed me that his wife was English. Said he: "She came over from New England in one of them big steamboats." You may imagine how difficult it was for me to look serious, especially when he added, knowing that I was English, "I suppose you were born in New England." I informed him as politely as I could that I was born in Old England, but the poor man evidently thought the places were identical. I readily concluded there was still work for Home Missionaries and teachers to do.

I am finding more and more that it is not well to take too much for granted in my work. Last Sabbath evening, at the close of our Christian Endeavor meeting, the subject having been "Heroes of Missions," I said: "We will sing that grand old missionary hymn, 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains,'" and was surprised to find that only a few joined in the song. Subsequently I learned that the hymn was quite new to most of the young people. This has given me an idea. I am now going to have song services, which will afford me an opportunity of presenting the history of some of our most prominent hymns and hymn writers. I have always found that it makes a hymn so much more real and helpful to know something of its history.—REV. S. DEAKIN, *Cowles, Neb.*



## GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND REQUEST

I CANNOT express how deeply my heart was touched this morning by the word from our dear Congregational Home Missionary Society that "a helper in Connecticut" had made me a member of the Howard Roll of Honor. It is so kindly thoughtful of someone, whom I would dearly like to be permitted to thank, myself. May I not know who the "helper" is? An Easter offering indeed, from an unselfish heart, making glad

many whose desire is to see the debt removed, and giving joy unspeakable to a lone heart shut away from the great world and its blessed Christian activities—a heart longing to lend a hand in the canceling of the debt, and whose one desire is to do more in bringing His kingdom to the hearts of men everywhere. This beautiful unselfish remembrance gives me new hope, and makes me know that, notwithstanding my isolation, I am still remembered. May God abundantly bless the donor and “give them richly all things to enjoy,” is my prayer, and that the debt may soon be wholly removed I most earnestly pray.

When I showed the certificate of membership to my sons, they also were very happy that I had been thus remembered, and our united thanks go out to the donor, and to God for all his loving-kindness unto us.

It is rather a late date to tell you that we have dedicated here a very neat church, with reading-room attached. My excuse for the delay is, that I waited, hoping to have a picture of the building to send you. I feel that it is due to the friends of Home Missions to send this word to your magazine, because of the many generous gifts which came to me for this church. A public vote of thanks was tendered to all the friends, East and West, whose kindly gifts enabled us to have this comfortable church home and parsonage—the latter built some years ago. The good work prospers among us. The little church of eleven members has grown to a membership of forty-one, and has the sympathy and support of many who are yet outside. It is still the only church in a region of several miles circuit. While there are not quite so many cowboys as a few years ago, because the industries are more agricultural, there is need and use for our library and reading-room.

We use for our hymn-books Dr. C. S. Robinson’s “Spiritual Songs for Social Worship,” with “Psalter arranged for Responsive Readings in Public Worship,” and are greatly in need of about two or three dozen more copies. If any church having them, wishes to dispose of some to a home missionary church, this is an opportunity.

Yours in the service “for Christ and Humanity,”

MRS. J. W. PICKETT, *Whitewater, Colorado.*



## FROM WORCESTER ACADEMY

A FEW weeks ago a box of framed certificates were sent us from the rooms in New York. On these certificates we found the names of friends in the East, who had so kindly contributed toward the building of Aldrich Cottage. I thought that possibly it might be of some interest to you to hear a word or two from Worcester Academy and what we are doing out



here. Just let me say that the certificate bearing the name of your society hangs in the bedroom occupied by the two little daughters of the principal, Mr. L. A. Ellis. I wish very much that I might tell you of our work here instead of writing about it, for then, I am sure, I could awaken your interest. The Academy is in better condition to-day than for many years. The standard is being raised every year a little, and the students are beginning to realize that there is something for them to do, and that they must make some effort to do something themselves. We have no "full bloods" (Indians) in school, and if you were to come into chapel some morning, when all are in the room for opening exercises, you would probably say, "Where are your Indians?" You would not be able to pick out half a dozen whom you would suspect of being any other than pure white, but the drop of Indian blood is there, and they are very proud of it. The school has been full this past year, one hundred and sixty being the attendance. I am going to send you a little booklet we had arranged in the fall, which will give you some idea of the school, and also cuts of the two buildings. The frame structure is what we call the Academy building, and in that are all the recitation-rooms, music-rooms, and boys' sleeping-rooms on the third and fourth floors. The teachers and girls live in Aldrich Cottage, which is one of the best buildings in the Cherokee Nation. It is comfortable and convenient, and will accommodate forty girls. The girls' bedrooms are furnished with iron beds, good springs and mattresses, plain washstand and study table. If at any time your society feels as if it would like to do something for the girls' rooms, it will be very acceptable in the way of some kind of bureau—anything that has drawers. It is hard for a girl to live in her trunk all the year. The Indian girls are no harder to get along with than any other girls, and I have been delighted with my experience with them. Of course, they don't like to work; but then I am not at all sure I was very fond of it myself when I was their age. They can be led to do almost anything you wish to have them do, when you start in the right way; but if you don't start right, then woe be unto you!

The Academy stands well in Vinita and we have the children from the best families in town; I do not mean by that the people who have the most money, but I mean the best Christian families. We have every reason to feel proud of the work accomplished this year, and we only hope and pray that we have been building for the future, strong, noble characters, men and women fit for the Master's use. It is the earnest prayer of those who labor here that the men and women who have given of their means toward Worcester Academy may be blessed in the giving.

I wish we could interest some church or society to give us some things we need very much just now. Our table linen is in poor shape, and we do need a little more furniture in the girls' bedrooms to make them really

comfortable. The work in the school was never more promising, and the same can be said for the church. The last penny of debt on the church has been paid, and we are rejoicing over that.—G. W. H., *Vinita, I. T.*



### DECEASE OF MRS. W. H. THRALL

JUST now the Lord has called home our much loved and most efficient secretary, Mrs. W. H. Thrall. She had worked heroically with slender strength but great energy. She had been twice secretary of our South Dakota Union. She was elected its secretary at its organization, and reëlected on her return after some years' absence from the State. She had served most faithfully and efficiently. She took a personal interest in every society, however small or weak. She had a sympathy and affection for every officer she corresponded with, bore them all on her heart, and yearned to be of service to each one. She often asked her fellow officers to suggest ways in which she could be helpful to the auxiliaries. A rare life has gone out from among us. A blessed spring of influence stopped, except as her works follow her.

“ This learned I from a shadow of a tree,  
That to and fro did sway upon a wall :  
Our shadow selves—our influence—may fall  
Where we can never be.”

A year ago she wrote that since the latter part of February she had had enough clothing pass through her hands to help, and in some degree to clothe, over one hundred families. Much of the clothing was second hand, sent by Eastern friends for distribution. Money was used where needed to purchase such articles as shoes, underwear, etc., which were not supplied by these friends. In some cases money was used to buy provisions. Fifty families were helped in this way.

Whittier's words will fitly describe her :

“ And many a poor one's blessing went  
With her beneath that low green tent  
Whose curtain never outward swings.”

She will leave a large place vacant in the church, Sunday-school, and missionary society in the city where she lived, and one impossible to fill in our Union. In the Lord's wise plans she has been fitted for a larger sphere and is now gone to occupy it. “ The workers fall, but the work goes on.” We do not see how we are to do without her, but the Lord may make our weakness strength. May his grace be made perfect in our weakness. It is but a sad report I can give you, but we hope that it may be a brighter one in the Lord's time.—*Mrs. A. H. Robbins, President.*

## BRIGHTENING PROSPECTS

GOD'S blessing has been with us and on his Word, preparing many for his kingdom. There are many Christians here of various denominations upon the point of giving us their influence by uniting with us. The church has had less of a Congregational than of another stamp, owing to the previous circumstances of the people. Of course we do business according to Congregational principles, but the real Congregationalists are outnumbered by others, making the work difficult; but it nevertheless moves on, and our congregations are increasing in number.

Many are awakened, and we look for a gracious gathering in of the harvest. How much we need the outpouring of God's Spirit! For this may we not have the prayers of our Eastern brethren?—*Idaho.*



## EVANGELISTIC WORK

As intimated in my previous note, I visited Iroquois with Mr. Brotherton. We rode twelve miles with Brother McGregor's missionary pony and box sleigh, visited the people in their homes until dark, and held an evening meeting in the log church. It was crowded, and my heart was greatly touched in seeing so many boys and girls present who were very attentive through the service. The Lord was with us and his power was manifest, for several decided to become Christians. It would have done your heart good to see the eagerness of the people for spiritual help. Mr. Brotherton is preaching every Sunday at this place and is doing a good work. If I can arrange I will help him a few days in special meetings.

I took a photograph of the church and hope it will be good, so that in the near future I can send you one. Within the last month I have visited St. Ignace, Allenville, Bay Mills, Pine Grove, and Payment, and have helped in meetings. The outlook at the "Soo" is promising, and I believe we have the turn for the better, and that we shall see before long blessed results. The Lord is with us and he is blessing now. "There shall be showers of blessing." I have spoken thus of our work for the reason that you are all interested in us, and we want you to share our joys.—*Rev. F. Bagnall, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.*



## ANOTHER GOOD BOOK OFFERED

REV. EDWARD PAYSON HAMMOND, "the Children's Evangelist," has kindly placed at our disposal a number of copies of his small but useful book of 174 pages on "The Conversion of Children."

The questions answered concerning children are these: Can their conversion be effected? How young? Will they remain steadfast? What means to be used? When to be received, and how trained in the church?

The positions taken are fortified by wide and long opportunities for experience and observation, and are sustained by the testimony of President Rankin of Harvard University—who writes a commendatory introduction to the book—and of other distinguished educators and pastors in this country and Europe. Ministers, parents, and Sunday-school teachers will find the work particularly helpful in their dealings with the young.

So long as the supply lasts, copies will be sent without charge to our brethren in the field, in response to applications addressed to the officers of the Society, Bible House, New York.

A few copies still remain of Mr. George L. Weed's "Great Truths Simply Told," which may be gratuitously obtained in like manner.



## THE SPANISH WORK

It is a pleasure to announce that the school and home carried on for a number of years by Miss Caroline E. Strong (now Mrs. Selden) among the Spanish-speaking people of New York City and Brooklyn has, by recent action of the Executive Committee, come into auxiliary relationship with this Society. A committee of ten, approved by this Society, is henceforth to supervise this interesting work, presenting annual estimates of receipts and expenditures to the Executive Committee, and receiving the full indorsement of the Society as it goes before the public to solicit funds. It is hoped that this step will impart a stability and assurance to the enterprise to which it is justly entitled after so long an experience of usefulness and success. Mrs. Selden, assisted by her sister, Miss S. S. Strong, will continue to conduct the work, and these faithful laborers are earnestly commended to the favor of the churches, and of individual friends of Home Missions, wherever they may come.



## SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE seventieth anniversary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society will be held in the Center Church, New Haven, Conn., Rev. Newman Smyth, D.D., pastor, opening on Tuesday evening, June 2. Major-General O. O. Howard will preside; Rev. Daniel Merriman, D.D.,



of Worcester, will preach the annual sermon Tuesday evening ; salutations will be offered by the pastor of the church and by President Dwight of Yale University, to which General Howard will respond.

Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted to papers by the secretaries, anniversary of the Woman's Department, reports from the Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, and Michigan Auxiliaries, anniversaries of the Church Building Society, Sunday-School and Publishing Society, Education Society, and to addresses from distinguished speakers from different parts of the country, including Doctors Fitch of Buffalo, Beach of Minneapolis, Stevens of New Haven, Lyman of Brooklyn, Barton of Boston, Patton of Minnesota, Nutting of Rhode Island, Cordley of the Kansas Band, Rev. Ephraim Adams of the Iowa Band, President Penrose of the Washington Band, Doctors Daniels and Beard of the American Board and the American Missionary Association, Dr. Whittlesey of the Ministerial Relief Association ; Rev. R. A. Rowley of Oregon, Rev. William Shaw of Georgia ; by the superintendents of the Scandinavian Department, California, Indiana, Washington, Black Hills, Colorado, and Utah ; also from Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Mrs. H. S. Heinzelman of Indiana, Miss Caroline A. Potter of California, Rev. Dora Read Barber of Oregon, Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster of New York, and Field Secretaries Shelton and Puddefoot.

The New England Passenger Association, the Trunk Line Association, and the Western Association, will pass over their roads for one-third fare in returning, all certified attendants on the meeting who paid full fare in going. N. B.—Certificates are required in all cases to secure this reduction. They are not kept at all stations. If the ticket agent at a local station is not supplied with certificates, he can inform the delegate of the nearest important station where they can be obtained. In such case the delegate should purchase a local ticket to such station, and there take up his certificate and through ticket to the place of meeting. The certificates, duly filled in on both sides, are good within three days, Sunday excepted, after the adjournment of the meeting. Delegates and others availing of the reduction in fare should present themselves at the office for certificates and tickets at least thirty minutes before departure of trains.

#### HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES

At \$4.00 per day, New Haven House ; \$3.00 per day, Majestic Hotel ; \$2.00 per day, Elliott House, the Westmoreland, the Tremont, Gardes' Hotel. Winthrop House, \$1.00 per day.

Sea View Hotel, Savin Rock, twenty minutes' ride by electric car, \$1.50 per day, one in a room ; \$1.00 per day, two in a room. Will accommodate 200.

Boarding Houses at \$2.00 per day : Mrs. Smith, 316 Crown St. ; \$1.50 per day : Grove Hall, 83 Grove St. ; Mrs. George Thompson, 94 York Square ; Mrs. Herrick, 92 York Square ; Mrs. C. K. Nichols, 90 Whalley Ave. ; Mrs. Lombard, 74 Lake Place ; Mrs. Forbes, 339 Orange St. ; Mrs. Cameron, 253 Crown St. ; Mrs. Briggs, 636 State St. ; Mrs. Lyon, 552 Chapel St. ; Mrs. Fowler, 111 Edgewood Ave. ; Mrs. E. S. Burt, 61 Prospect St. ; Mrs. Beckwith, 108 Howe St. ; Mrs. Hayden, 514 Chapel St. ; Mrs. Cowles, 16 Olive St. ; Mrs. Haight, 99 Howe St. ; Mrs. H. W. Thomson, 145 Edward St. (two in a room) ; Mrs. Burwell, 123 Park St. ; Mrs. Blot, 136 College St.

At \$1.00 per day : Mrs. M. H. Buckingham, 557 Howard Ave. (two in a room) ; Mrs. H. A. Street, 397 Temple St., for one (meals near) ; Mrs. J. A. Gillette, 163 York St. ; without board, Mrs. Thompson, 438 Elm St. (for two). Mrs. F. A. Jones, 1 Howe St., 50 cents a day for one (meals next door), 75 cents for two.

Divinity Hall, for men only, without board, will accommodate one hundred ; 75 cents a person.

Persons desiring further information about boarding-house accommodations may address Rev. Newman Smyth, D.D., Chairman of Committee, and their inquiries will receive attention.



## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71

Of these receipts \$4,700 were from subscribers to the General Howard Roll of Honor, and \$393.08 were "specials for the debt." At its May meeting the Executive Committee voted that this amount (\$5,093.08) be paid upon the debt of April, 1895, reducing the amount still due thereon to \$46,607.33.

The Treasurer's report at the forthcoming annual meeting in New Haven will show the expenses of the seventieth year fully met by its receipts, and two-thirds of the debt reported at the close of the sixty-ninth year canceled by contributions to the General Howard Roll of Honor and specials for that object. It is confidently believed that the friends of Home Missions at that meeting will devise ways and means for the speedy blotting out of the comparatively small remainder. Then, with the early revival of business sure to come, this grand work of our country's evangelization will move on, under God, with a spirit and to a success beyond even the most glorious of its achievements hitherto.

## THE GENERAL O. O. HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR

Previously acknowledged.....	819
Subscriptions added below.....	33
Total number of shares.....	852

MRS. MARTHA C. KINCAID, by Rev. WILLIAM KINCAID, D.D.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, by W. H. M. U. and S. S. MISS. CIR-  
CLE, Churchville, N. Y.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Thompson, Conn.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL, Thomaston, Conn.

G. E. P. DODGE, Chicago, Ill.

LADIES OF THE UNION SOC., SOUTH CHURCH, Middletown, Conn.

Mrs. H. R. COFFIN, Windsor Locks, Conn.

BETHANY SUNDAY-SCHOOL OF BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH,  
New York City.

Mr. TRUMAN ADAMS, Bangor, N. Y.

HENRY MILLS, Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. SARAH E. WHITIN, Whitinsville, Mass.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, South Norwalk, Conn.

Messrs. H. LOVELL and A. B. WHIFFEE, Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. S. R. MANN, Oberlin, Ohio.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL OF CENTRAL CHURCH, Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. C. M. SOUTHWORTH, Boston, Mass.

CAROLINE WINTHROP SOUTHWORTH, Boston, Mass.

LADIES' AUXILIARY OF FIRST CHURCH, Windsor, Conn.

Mrs. JOHN CATLIN, Northfield, Conn.

Mrs. THOMAS B. McLEOD, by L. B. S. of CLINTON AVE. CHURCH,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. WILLIAM KINCAID, by L. B. S. of CLINTON AVE. CHURCH,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

LADIES' W. M. SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, Manchester, Mass.

W. H. M. AUXILIARY AND FRIENDS, Arlington, Mass.

A FRIEND, Maine.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF VERMONT.

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, St. Paul, Minn.

LADIES' H. M. S. OF FIRST CHURCH, Middletown, Conn

W. C. A. OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH, Syracuse, N. Y.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Warsaw, N. Y.

HELPERS' SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, Binghamton, N. Y.

ROBERT D. BENEDICT, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. ELIZABETH N. MCPHERSON, Pasadena, Cal.

AUXILIARY IN BROADWAY CHURCH, Norwich, Conn.

## APPOINTMENTS IN APRIL, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Corbin, Oliver L., Douglas, Wyo.  
 Dibble, William L., Winona, Minn.  
 Dole, Charles J., Cleburne, Texas.  
 Essig, Gottlieb, Friend and Turkey Creek, Neb.  
 Foster, John, Wisner, Neb.  
 Griffith, Thomas H., Brooklyn Hills, N. Y.  
 Kershaw, C. H., Park and West Cedar Valley, Neb.  
 Leeds, Paul, Clear Creek, Whiskey, Chitto, and Darbonne, La.  
 Lindquist, N. J., Tacoma, Wash.  
 McCroskey, John A., St. John and Endicott, Wash.  
 Manville, Addison G., Ironton, Ohio.  
 Moya, Miguel M., Cubero, San Jose, and Rinconada, New Mex.  
 Preiss, J. M., Sioux Falls, So. Dak.  
 Rogers, William, Green Valley, Cal.  
 Sacken, Frederick O., Rockville Center, N. Y.  
 Shaw, G. W., Ortonville, Minn.  
 Smith, J. Arthur, Avoca and Berlin, Neb.  
 Taggart, George A., Freewater and Ingles Chapel, Ore.  
 Van Luven, Sanford A., Granada, Minn.  
 Van Wagener, Allen J., Carthage, Mo.  
 Wainwright, George W., Ainsworth, Neb.  
 Woolworth, William S., Morrisania, N. Y. City.

*Re-commissioned*

Anderson, Emil A., Winona, Minn.  
 Ball, Albert H., Anderson, Ind.  
 Becker, James A., Keystone, So. Dak.  
 Beebe, J. R., Sanborn and Eckelson, No. Dak.  
 Bente, Christopher H., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Bigelow, Frank E., East Chicago, Ind.  
 Bolin, Nels J., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Brown, James M., Wheatland, Ore.  
 Cotton, Harry A., Graceville, Minn.  
 Crane, Edward P., Pelican Rapids and West Dora, Minn.  
 Crawford, O. C., Iron River, Wis.  
 Dickson, J. W., Croton and Lock, Ohio.  
 Dobbs, J. Hervey, Sherman, Texas.  
 Drew, James B., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Edwards, John, Pittsburg, Penn.  
 Eldred, John W., Meadville and Chillicothe, Mo.  
 Farnsworth, Arthur, Dodge and Howells, Neb.  
 Fellows, W. W., Hamilton, Mo.  
 Fisher, Herman P., Crookston, Minn.

Funk, George N., El Paso, Texas.  
 Gray, David B., General Missionary in Portland and vicinity, Ore.  
 Gridley, Albert L., Kidder, Mo.  
 Griffiths, Thomas, Petersburg, Neb.  
 Hampton, W. S., Ogalalla, Neb.  
 Hancock, Joseph J., Kennewick, Paseo, and Wallula, Wash.  
 Harding, William F., Terre Haute, Ind.  
 Heinzelman, Henry W., Michigan City, Ind.  
 Henderson, John H., Anthony, Kan.  
 Hollars, John A., White Oaks, New Mex.  
 Isakson, Andrew J., Titusville, Penn.  
 Jenney, E. Winthrop, Oacoma and White River, So. Dak.  
 Johnson, Andrew G., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Johnson, Lorentz C., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Jones, Robert G., Stewartville, Minn.  
 Jones, Samuel, Carroll, Neb.  
 Lemmon, Charles H., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Lyman, Henry M., Maple Creek, Neb.  
 Lyman, William A., Pierre, So. Dak.  
 McCallin, T. S., East Lake, Tenn.  
 Mannhardt, E. G. L., Wilton Junction, Iowa.  
 Moore, George W., Frostburg, Md.  
 Nelson, Andrew P., East Orange, N. J.  
 Nutting, John D., Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Ohlson, Olof, Glenwood, Wis.  
 Okerstein, John F., General Missionary work among the Scandinavians in Minn. and E. Wis.  
 Parsons, Henry W., Walker, Minn.  
 Paske, William J., General Missionary in Neb.  
 Perry, George H., Lynne and Slatersville, Utah.  
 Petterson, Andrew G., Upsala, Minn.  
 Pollard, Samuel W., West Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Powell, Richard, Elwood, Ind.  
 Prucha, Miss Theresa, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Roberts, Thomas S., Osawatomie and Indianapolis, Kan.  
 Robertson, Albert A., Willow Springs, Mo.  
 Scott, George, Lead, So. Dak.  
 Sherman, Miss Ella A., Cheyenne, Wyo.  
 Simpkin, Peter A., Gallup, New Mex.  
 Smith, Richard, Porter, Ind.  
 Smith, Samuel A., Cambridgeboro, Penn.  
 Soderstrom, J. M., Grantsburg, Wis.  
 Storm, Julius E., Springfield, Neb.  
 Wadsworth, George, Big Horn, Wyo.  
 Wattenbarger, O. T., Haven, Kan.  
 Wells, Charles W., Rainier, Ore.  
 Winter, Alpheus, Tryon, N. C.  
 Winter, Paul, Burdette, So. Dak.  
 Zercher, Henry J., Corvallis, Ore.

## RECEIPTS IN APRIL, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 85 to 93

MAINE—\$1,142.19 ; of which legacy,  
 \$1,000.00.

Augusta, Mrs. C. C. S. ....	\$6 00
Cumberland Center, by Rev. F. W. Davis.....	21 00
Kennebunkport, South Ch., by Mrs. D. G. Stone.....	9 50
Maine, A Friend, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Norridgewock, S. S., by M. S. Hopkins.....	5 60
Orono, Estate of Edward Mansfield .	1,000 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$191.54

Andover, "Extra Missionary," for the debt .....	\$5 00
Canterbury, by G. E. Wiggin.....	5 00
Gilmanton, Mrs. M. E. H.....	5 00
Littleton, First, by D. C. Remick....	31 54
Manchester, First, by J. A. Goodrich, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Nashua, a S. S. Class, by Mrs. A. K. Woodbury, special.....	10 00



Peterboro, Union Ch., by C. S. Pierce.	\$23 00
Portsmouth, M. J. Lowd.....	5 00
Tamworth, S. S., Easter Offering, by Mrs. L. D. Blake.....	4 00
Webster, Mrs. L. F. Baxton, \$2; A Friend, \$1.....	3 00

VERMONT—\$1,243.00; of which legacies, \$667.58.

Vermont Domestic Miss. Soc., W. C. Tyler, Treas.:	
Brattleboro, West.....	\$5 00
Cornwall.....	26 38
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. R. P. Fairbanks, Treas.:	
Cabot, for the debt.....	\$72 08
Cambridge, for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Craftsbury, North, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	1 40
Hardwick, East, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	9 00
W. L. Delano.....	5 00
Milton.....	5 00
Norwich, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	1 36
Salisbury, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Shoreham, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	3 40
A Friend, for Salary Fund.....	1 00
Wells River, Ch., \$22.33; W. H.M.S., \$42; Y. P. S. C. E., \$25.67; Junior C. E., \$10.....	100 00
Windsor, Mrs. A. Butler, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
For Salary Fund.....	10 00

Essex, Legacy of Amasa Osgood, by A. A. Slater, Ex.....	
Montpelier, Rev. Norman Seaver, D.D., by Bethany Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. Mrs. L. J. Bradshaw and Mrs. J. Poland L. Ms., by J. Poland.....	100 00
Morrisville, Mrs. J. T. Jewett.....	25
Pittsford, Legacy of Mrs. O. C. Nourse, by R. C. Smith, Ex.....	400 00
Putney, S. S., by Miss N. N. Clarke..	7 40
South Royalton, by E. Foster.....	12 87
Thetford, Miss J. Colburn, toward the debt.....	1 00
Underhill, by E. S. Whitcomb, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
West Brattleboro, Mrs. W. H. Bige- low.....	5 00

MASSACHUSETTS — \$7,556.33; of which legacy, \$500.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.:	
By request of donors, of which for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$1,700; debt, \$139.30; Salary Fund, \$14.....	6,474 91
Woman's H. M. Asso., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:	
Auburndale, Jr. C. E. Rally..	\$5 00
Newburyport, Prospect Street Aux. Rally.....	4 00
Andover, Susan B. Richards, to const. herself a L. M.....	50 00
Attleboro, S. S. of the Second, by W. Marble.....	19 70
Boston, W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund.	50 00
Miss E. S. Fiske.....	10 00

Brookfield Conference, by Rev. H. G. Hale.....	\$10 00
Cambridge, Mrs. W. H. Hidden.....	1 00
Chelsea, Estate of Elvira L. Harding, by E. D. Sibley, Adm.....	500 00
Chester, Mrs. E. C. Kingsbury.....	1 00
Chicopee Falls, Mrs. C. S. Ferry.....	1 00
Dedham, "Extra Cent a Day Band" of the First Ch.....	32 25
Enfield, by L. D. Potter.....	40 00
Fitchburg, Mrs. C. P. Dickinson.....	1 00
Haverhill, J. Underhill.....	40
Ipswich, "Family Dime Box".....	5 00
Lee, I. N. H.....	5 00
Monson, E. F. Morris.....	26 37
Natick, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Ch., by C. F. Robinson.....	5 00
Northampton, Dorcas Soc. of the First, by Mrs. J. E. Clarke, for Salary Fund.....	62 50
Norton, Trin. Cong. Ch., \$14.74; Mrs. E. B. Wheaton, \$50, by S. H. Cobb.	64 74
Pepperell, Ladies' Benev. Ch. Aid Soc., by Mrs. C. H. Miller.....	18 36
Pittsfield, First, by F. W. Dutton.....	24 20
Sheffield, by Dr. A. T. Wakefield.....	10 50
Springfield, Mrs. H. O. Harris.....	1 00
Templeton, Trinitarian S. S., by J. F. Winch.....	4 00
Whitinsville, Mrs. Sarah E. Whitin, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by Gen. O. O. Howard.....	100 00
Mrs. M. F. W. Abbott, of which \$2 for the debt.....	18 00
Worcester, C. O. Bachelor.....	10 00
A member of Plymouth Ch., by F. W. Chase.....	2 00

RHODE ISLAND—\$74.56.

Providence, Elmwood Temple, by J. W. Rice, Treas. R. I. H. M. Soc., for the debt.....	39 56
Beneficent Ch., An absent member.	20 00
Rev. N. W. Williams.....	15 00

CONNECTICUT—\$2,243.62.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.:	
Bridgeport, West End Cong. Soc., by Miss C. Abbott, for Salary Fund.....	\$10 00
Canaan, Pilgrim Ch., by Miss S. W. Adams, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor...	100 00
East Hartford, for Salary Fund.....	1 00
Ellington, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. S. T. Kim- ball, for Salary Fund.....	25 00
Enfield, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss K. C. Abbe, for Salary Fund.....	35 00
Fairfield, Member of H. M. Silver Circle.....	5 00
Fair Haven, Second, by Mrs. G. Black, for Salary Fund.	23 65
Greenfield Hill, by Mrs. J. B. Kettle, for Salary Fund.	4 20
Greenwich, Second Ch., Stillson Benev. Soc., by Miss K. M. Mead, for Salary Fund.....	3 00
Hartford, So. Ch., by Mrs. G. W. Moore, Friends, for the debt.....	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of the Pearl Street Ch., by Leon P. Brown, for the debt...	50 00

Middletown, Mrs. A. M. Colegrove, in First Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Bunce, contents of Dime Bank	\$5 00
First Ch., Mrs. C. Bacon, by Mrs. J. H. Bunce, contents of Dime Bank	5 50
New Britain, So. Ch. Aux., add'l. Thank-offering, Mrs. S. H. Wood, Salary Fund.....	1 50
Newington, by Mrs. F. C. Latimer, for Salary Fund.....	26 10
New Milford, W. H. M. U., by Miss M. B. Hine, for Salary Fund.....	35 00
North Guilford, Second, Ladies' Aid Soc., by Miss R. D. Chittenden, for Salary Fund.....	4 00
Norwich, Greenville Ch., by Mrs. E. P. Gardner, for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Stamford, First, by Mrs. H. P. Willcox, for Salary Fund.....	3 00
Willimantic, by Miss M. S. Elliott, for Salary Fund.,	10 00
Windsor, First, by Mrs. J. B. Wilbur, for Salary Fund.....	11 50
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[*Erratum*: Hartford, First, by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100.

Hartford, A few ladies of South Ch., by Mrs. G. Moore, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100.

Norwalk, Mrs. T. K. Noble's Bible Class of the First, by Mrs. F. Y. Curtis, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. Mrs. J. E. Fitch and Mrs. A. E. Johnson L. Ms., \$100. Should have been credited to the Woman's H. M. Union, Conn.—acknowledged in May Home Missionary.]

Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec. :

Of which \$10, special for debt, and \$100, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.

Andover, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. K. Post.	75 68
Bridgeport, Second, by O. H. Brothwell.....	48 60
Bristol, by L. G. Merick.....	33 14
Cheshire, by F. N. Hall.....	33 25
Chester, by Rev. A. Hall.....	17 00
Danbury, First, by A. I. Gordon, of which \$100, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	103 00
Danielsonville, Westfield Ch., by C. Phillips, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Derby, Mrs. C. T. Beardsley.....	2 00
Enfield, First, by F. A. King, to const. Mrs. K. Pease a L. M.....	70 00
Farmington, S. S. of the First, by H. W. Barbour, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Guilford, First, by E. W. Leete, to const. Mrs. C. G. Elliot a L. M.....	50 00
Hartford, Warburton Chapel S. S., by Miss E. F. Mix.....	18 09
Park Ch., by W. E. Smith.....	39 02
Mrs. L. H. Bacon.....	5 00
Mrs. M. W. Hooker.....	2 00
Mrs. A. C. Jewell.....	2 00
Mrs. W. W. Converse.....	1 00
Eva Gaylord.....	40
Harwinton, by A. W. Buell.....	17 56
Huntington, by F. H. Wells.....	14 00

Middletown, Ladies of the Union Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. W. W. Wilcox, Jr., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$100 00
New Haven, Ch. of the Redeemer, by W. L. Phillips, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
New London, First Ch. of Christ, by H. C. Learned.....	157 75
Northfield, Laura H. Catlin, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
By H. C. Peck.....	20 78
Norwich, Ladies of Mrs. Morrow's S. S. class of the Second, by Mrs. J. H. Bushnell, for the debt.....	5 19
Plainville, Mrs. J. O. Judd.....	2 00
Pomfret, by Rev. W. B. Greene, for the debt.....	10 00
Putnam, Second Ch., by E. V. Whetmore, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Salisbury, by T. F. Dexter.....	71 06
Woman's Board of H. M., by Mrs. A. B. Robbins.....	28 10
South Norwalk, by G. H. Beard, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Stafford Springs, by W. H. Heald....	23 58
Stamford, by E. M. Goulden.....	28 50
Stratford, S. S. by E. H. Judson.....	15 00
Thomaston, First, by H. A. Welton..	11 06
S. S. of the First, by E. C. Root, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Thompson, bal. of coll., by G. S. Crosby.....	40
Westbrook, by T. D. Post, for the debt.....	33 95

NEW YORK—\$3,293.25 ; of which legacy, \$395.26.

Received by William Spalding, Treas.:	
Binghamton, Plymouth.....	\$62 50
Buffalo, Pilgrim.....	20 00
Cambridge, Rally.....	30 00
Canandaigua.....	17 27
Chenango Forks.....	8 25
East Ashford.....	1 00
Grand Island.....	36 00
Harpersfield.....	3 50
Lockport, First Ch. Rally..	9 20
Millville.....	16 25
Oswego Falls, in memory of Mrs. C. Olmstead.....	30 83
Rochester, Rev. H. C. Riggs.....	26 00
Sherburne, "A Friend."...	6 00
Willsborough.....	11 20

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:	
Albany, First, Silver Circle, Miss M. Thompson and Mrs. Catharine Baldwin..	\$10 00
Antwerp.....	42 35
Binghamton, First Ch., Helpers' Silver Circle....	5 00
Brooklyn, Clinton Avenue L. B. S., to place the name of Mrs. T. B. McLeod on the Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Clinton Avenue L. B. S., Rev. W. Kincaid, D.D., to place the name of Mrs. W. Kincaid on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Clinton Ave. Y. L. G., of which \$50, special.....	65 00
Central Ch. L. B. S., for Salary Fund.....	259 70
Zenana Band, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Special.....	18 00

Tompkins Ave. C. E., of which \$10, special.....	\$20 00
Puritan, L. W. A.....	25 00
Mrs. S. V. White, for Salary Fund.....	200 00
Buffalo, People's Ch.....	11 00
Camden.....	20 00
Candor, Y. L. G., for Salary Fund.....	10 00
Churchville, \$40; S. S. Mission Circle, \$60, to place the name of the Ch. on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Silver Circle.....	50 00
Clayton, M. S.....	14 00
Eldred.....	2 00
Hamilton, L. S., for the debt.....	2 00
Homer, Mrs. A. F. S. Stover.....	3 00
Java Village.....	10 00
Little Valley.....	6 00
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, S. W. W.....	43 50
Oswego Falls.....	10 00
Poughkeepsie.....	25 00
S. S. of the First, \$50; L. H. M. S., \$50, to place the name of First Ch. on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Riverhead.....	25 00
S. S.....	9 00
Sherburne.....	33 50
Dime Bank.....	5 00
Walton.....	10 00
Warsaw, S. S. Inter. Dept.....	3 50
Woodville.....	6 00
	\$1,443 55
Albany, First, by G. W. Pierce.....	51 75
Antwerp, First, by A. Hoyt.....	23 21
Aquebogue, by G. L. Wells.....	7 50
Bangor, Truman Adams of Cong. Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by Rev. R. E. Andrew, to const. Truman Adams and Mrs. O. Adams L. Ms.....	100 00
Binghamton, Henry Mills, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. O. A. Bursiel and G. L. Huntoon L. Ms.....	100 00
Mrs. E. Taylor.....	10 00
Brooklyn, South Ch., by E. D. Ford.....	206 41
Y. P. S. C. E. of Puritan Ch., by W. S. Childs, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
A Friend to the cause.....	60 00
Buffalo, Y. P. S. C. E. of Niagara Sq. People's Ch., by L. E. Cook.....	35 00
Candor, E. A. Booth.....	100 00
Clifton Springs, Mrs. L. D. Lyman, for Salary Fund.....	20 00
County Line, A. D. Foote.....	5 00
Eaton, Estate of James H. Maydole, by J. T. Brinckerhoff, Adm.....	395 26
Elmira, Birth-year gift.....	70 00
Hamilton, "Thank-offering".....	5 00
O. S. Campbell.....	14 00
Homer, Whatsoever Silver Circle, by Miss R. Perry.....	2 00
Java, Y. P. S. C. E., by L. G. Smith.....	6 00
Mt. Sinai, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. L. Randall.....	3 00
Napoli, S. S., by A. Bliss.....	3 00
Newark Valley, Mrs. S. B. Davidge.....	1 00
New Village, by J. B. Gould.....	8 20
New York City, Bethany S. S., by F. M. Robinson, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Christ Ch., Mt. Hope, by Rev. H. M. Brown.....	12 50
C. E. B.....	5 00

Salamanca, First, by W. H. Hazard..	\$9 05
Smyrna, First, by H. M. Dixon.....	4 22
Walton, First, by G. W. Fitch.....	110 41
Woodville, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. H. Wood.....	4 19

## NEW JERSEY—\$426.37.

Bloomfield, R. P. C., \$50; M. E. C., \$10.....	60 00
East Orange, First, by C. H. Nevins.....	56 06
Swedish Ch., by Rev. A. P. Nelson.....	5 00
Jersey City, Tabernacle Ch., by Rev. J. L. Scudder, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Nutley, St. Paul's S. S., by E. Clements.....	16 40
Orange, Mrs. E. G. Heald.....	2 00
Plainfield, by G. W. Rockfellow.....	154 00
Mrs. H. M. Dwight.....	2 00
Upper Montclair, Christian Union Ch., by F. W. Dorman.....	30 91

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$114.16.

Received by T. W. Jones, D.D. : Pittsburg, Fifth Avenue Welsh.....	35 00
Delta, Welsh Ch., by T. J. Williams..	5 00
Kane, Ch., \$18.50; S. S., \$17.50; Mission Band, \$10; W. H. M. Soc., \$4, by W. H. Davis, to const. J. Davis a L. M.....	50 00
Lansing Ridge, German Ch., by Rev. A. Kern.....	2 60
Minersville, S. S. of the First, by D. W. Rowland.....	4 55
Mt. Carmel, S. S., by M. Davis.....	8 66
Neath, by W. S. Davis.....	3 35
Wilkes-Barre, Fourth Avenue, by Rev. E. G. Heal.....	5 00

## MARYLAND—\$5.00.

Baltimore, Canton Ch., by Rev. T. M. Beadenkoff.....	5 00
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$31.00

Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Asso., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas. : Washington, D. C., First, of which \$25 for Salary Fund.....	31 00
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## NORTH CAROLINA—\$5.00.

Woman's H. M. Union, Miss A. E. Farrington, Treas. : Oakes, Miss A. E. Farrington.....	5 00
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## GEORGIA—\$7.35.

Atlanta, Duluth, by Rev. W. F. Brewer.....	2 00
Columbus, Americus, and Huntington, by Rev. G. W. Cumbus.....	5 35

## ALABAMA—\$22.55.

Catalpa, Carr's Chapel, by Rev. N. H. Gibson.....	60
Clanton, by Rev. J. L. Busby.....	50
Echo, Christian Hill Ch., \$1.85; Wicksburg, Bascom Ch., \$1, by Rev. M. V. Marshall.....	2 85
Edwardsville, Salem, and New Harmony Chs., and Chullafinne, Fairview Ch., by G. W. Vaughn.....	3 00

Lightwood, Union Ch., and Kingston, by Rev. W. C. Culver.....	\$0 25	Kingsville, Miss E. S. Com- ings.....	\$8 00
Millerville, Bethel and Oak Hill Chs.; Linerville, Mt. Grove, and Moun- tain Meadow, Shady Grove Ch., by Rev. T. Wright.....	1 50	Litchfield, by Rev. R. Cha- pin.....	5 00
Oxford, Smith's Chapel, by Rev. J. V. Watkins.....	5 00	New London, by Dr. J. L. McElhinney.....	1 00
Perote, Corinth Ch., by Rev. L. J. Biggers.....	2 50	North Monroeville, by Mrs. H. S. Caswell.....	4 00
River Falls, New Home Ch.; Brant- ley, Oak Grove Ch., by Rev. W. S. Jones.....	2 00	Tallmadge S. S., by H. N. Bierce.....	22 22
Spio, Union Hill Ch.; and Echo, Friendship Ch., by Rev. S. Weath- erby.....	4 35	Thomastown, Miss R. Da- vies.....	5 00
		Wauseon, by J. L. Gray.....	13 05
LOUISIANA—\$5.00.			\$183 71
Lake Charles, Rev. C. F. Sheldon...	5 00	Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland: Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by J. Snow.....	\$19 42
		Pilgrim, by H. C. Holt...	90 00
		Mrs. Vorel.....	1 00
			110 42
FLORIDA—\$66.40.		Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.: Cleveland, First, for Sal- ary Fund.....	\$25 00
Bonifay, Mary Esther, and Vernon, by Rev. G. Lee.....	9 45	Painesville, Enterprise Mission Circle, for Sal- ary Fund.....	1 00
Interlachen, by Rev. W. D. Brown...	6 36		26 00
Lake Helen, by Rev. M. Noble.....	13 00	Bellevue, First, by Mrs. W. C. Walter.	4 97
Longwood and Palm Springs, by Rev. G. W. Hardaway.....	3 79	Castalia, by J. C. Prentice.....	25 00
New Effort, \$2.15; Carryville, \$5; Westville, \$2.35, by Rev. P. G. Woodruff.....	9 50	Cleveland, Mrs. D. T. Thomas.....	5 00
Palm Beach, Royal Poinciana Chapel, by Mrs. E. N. Dimick.....	10 00	Dayton, estate of Thomas S. Babbitt, on account by W. T. Herman, Ex..	125 00
Sanford, Mrs. M. Lyman.....	10 00	Nebo, by R. Isaacs.....	7 23
Winter Garden, Rev. S. J. Townsend	4 30	New Knoxville, Reformed German Ch., by Rev. M. E. Eversz.....	7 55
		Painesville, J. W. Culver.....	2 50
TEXAS—\$24.85.		Palmyra, by Rev. B. Harris.....	3 65
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Treas.: Dallas, First Ch., \$6.75; Ladies' Aux., \$11.50; Rally, \$1.45, for Salary Fund.....	\$19 70	Tallmadge, by J. W. Seward, to const. Dea. C. A. Sackett a L. M.....	57 65
Paris, First, for Salary Fund	5 15		
INDIAN TERRITORY—\$10.00.		INDIANA—\$80.59.	
Vinita, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by Rev. N. Forrest.....	10 00	Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Treas.: Amboy.....	\$1 25
		Elkhart.....	34 31
OKLAHOMA—\$53.53.		Glezen.....	10 00
Carrier, Glenela, Alvaretta, Spring- dale, and Hillsdale, by Rev. J. S. Hawks.....	6 28	Michigan City.....	12 53
Darlington, by Rev. M. D. Tenney..	2 00	Terre Haute, First.....	20 00
Kingfisher, by Rev. J. Collins.....	8 00	Second.....	2 50
Parker and Otter, by Rev. W. Kelsey Seward, \$1.50; Oak Ridge, \$3.25; Brighton, \$1, by Rev. L. S. Childs.	5 75		80 59
Tohee, Soldier Creek, and Pleasant Valley, by Rev. O. G. Legrande...	17 50	ILLINOIS—\$150.00.	
Waynoka, by Rev. J. W. McWilliams	10 00	Chicago, G. E. P. Dodge, Gen. How- ard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
OHIO—\$558.73; of which legacy, \$125.		Fall Creek, Friends, to const. Mrs. M. Keil a L. M., by Rev. G. L. Brake- meyer.....	50 00
Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.: Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by Justin Snow.....	\$44 70	MISSOURI—\$84.53.	
Pilgrim, by H. C. Holt...	60 00	Honey Creek, \$4.15; Anson, \$4.65, by Rev. J. F. Malcolm.....	15 42
Glen Roy, by S. A. Williams	1 30	Kidder, by Rev. A. L. Gridley.....	5 06
Greenwich, by Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.....	8 44	Lamar, by H. C. Timmonds.....	5 55
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Met- calf.....	11 00	St. Paul, Bethany Ch., by Rev. S. G. Arnett.....	18 50
		Springfield, Central Ch., by Rev. G. S. Brett.....	40 00
		MICHIGAN—\$3.20.	
		Detroit, Mrs. J. A. Baylis.....	3 20



## WISCONSIN—\$9.75.

Amery, by Rev. W. J. Stewart.....	\$2 50
Birmamwood and Norrie, by Rev. G. S. Biscoe.....	4 25
Washburn and Bayfield, Scand. Chs., by Rev. H. Peterson .....	3 00

## OWA—\$10.00.

Wilton Junction, German Ch., by Rev. E. G. L. Mannhardt.....	10 00
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## MINNESOTA—\$194.28.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley :

Groveland.....	\$3 35
Hutchinson, S. S.....	5 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth.....	37 45
Pilgrim.....	1 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Oak Park, 50 cts.; S. S., \$2.65.....	3 15
Montevideo.....	3 15
Round Prairie.....	2 17
St. Paul, Plymouth, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. Rev. W. B. Millard and Rev. R. Hall L. Ms.....	100 00
Wadena.....	1 70
Wayzata.....	4 20

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*Erratum* : Elk River, Ch., \$4 ; should be credited to the S. S.; erroneously ack. in April Home Missionary.

Benson, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. J. S. Hayward.....	2 50
Edgerton, by Rev. E. Carter.....	1 75
Monticello, by Rev. R. S. Cross.....	6 58
St. Cloud, First, by W. T. Clark.....	6 57
Sauk Rapids, Swedish Ch., by Rev. J. Road.....	5 00
Worthington, Union Ch., by G. O. Moore.....	5 71

## KANSAS—\$74.96.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. E. C. Read, Treas.:	
Arkansas City.....	\$12 94
Chanute, C. S. Miller.....	5 00
Fairview.....	2 00
Fort Scott, Mrs. Bissell.....	5 10
Goodland.....	1 50
Goshen.....	8 00
Wellington.....	4 08

\$38 62

Less expenses..... 77

Diamond Springs and Six Mile, by Rev. G. M. Pfeiffer.....	1 30
Enterprise, by Rev. L. P. Broad.....	2 00
Hiawatha, by S. Bieler.....	10 92
Salina, by Rev. T. V. Davies.....	20 00
Seabrook, by Rev. J. E. Kirkpatrick.....	1 00
White City, by Rev. E. Richards.....	1 89

## NEBRASKA—\$75.11.

Alma, First, by Rev. R. M. Travers..	4 46
Culbertson, Hayes Co., McCook, and Trenton, German Chs., by Rev. A. Hodel.....	6 56
De Witt, First, by C. H. Culdice,....	5 77

Germantown and Oak Grove, German Chs., by Rev. F. Woth.....	\$3 50
Santee Agency, Pilgrim Ch., by F. B. Riggs.....	32 82
Sutton, \$7; McCook, \$1, German Chs., by Rev. J. Sattler.....	8 00
West Point, by Rev. S. Pearson.....	14 00

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$34.48.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Treas.:	
Buxton, "Pearl Gleaners".....	\$3 75
Caledonia.....	9 58
Fargo, First.....	5 00
Fort Berthold, Teachers and Pupils.....	7 20
Jamestown.....	3 45
Lisbon.....	1 50

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Oberon, by Rev. O. P. Champlin....	4 00
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## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$72.96.

Aberdeen, Plymouth, by Rev. T. J. Dent.....	4 50
Alpena, German Ch., by Rev. P. Bechtel.....	2 00
Armour, by Rev. W. B. Hubbard.....	5 00
Badger and Hetland, by Rev. D. E. Armitage.....	15 55
Buffalo Gap, by Rev. T. Thirloway..	1 25
Clark, by Rev. T. G. Langdale.....	3 00
Frankfort and La Prairie, by Rev. C. H. Dreisbach.....	2 00
Hermosa and Rockerville, by Rev. J. A. Becker.....	2 00
Lead, First, by Rev. G. Scott.....	15 00
Letcher, \$2.11; Bethel, \$4.55, by Rev. Miss E. K. Henry.....	6 66
Mitchell, by Rev. W. H. Thrall.....	7 00
Mound City, Rev. H. Vogler, by Rev. M. E. Eversz.....	1 00
Wakonda, by Rev. J. M. Bates.....	8 00

## COLORADO—\$36.01.

Boulder, by Mrs. H. D. Harlow.....	11 00
Denver, German Ch. of Globeville, by Rev. A. Trandt.....	6 40
Globeville, German Ch., by Rev. J. Sattler.....	8 13
Littleton, Mrs. G. S. Bruner.....	3 48
New Castle, by Rev. I. McRae.....	5 00
Steamboat Springs, by Rev. E. I. Grinnell.....	2 00

## WYOMING—\$22.55.

Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Treas.:	
Rock Springs.....	9 30
Big Horn, by Rev. G. Wadsworth...	8 00
Cheyenne, South Ch., by E. Sherman	4 00
Green River, by Rev. W. S. Washburn.....	1 25

## UTAH—\$12.75.

Ogden, First, by Rev. C. W. Luck...	12 75
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## NEVADA—\$14.00.

Reno, First, by Rev. T. Magill.....	14 00
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## CALIFORNIA—\$459.87.

Received by J. D. McKee : San Francisco, First .....	\$100 00
Adin, by Rev. J. A. Jones .....	5 00
Alessandro, \$3.50 ; Moreno, \$16.20, by Rev. S. G. Emerson .....	19 70
Auburn, by Rev. H. F. Burgess .....	13 50
Black Diamond and Stewartville, by Rev. F. H. Wales .....	15 00
Cherokee, \$27.20 ; Thermalito, \$10.60 ; Oregon City, \$7.35, by Rev. A. S. Parsons .....	45 15
Eagle Rock, by Rev. D. L. Jenkins ..	10 00
Etna, Oro Fino, and Callahan's, by Rev. A. S. McLellan .....	19 46
Lodi and Galt, by Rev. D. Goodsell ..	80
Los Angeles, First, by W. R. Black- man .....	133 09
Mokelumne Hill and San Andreas, by Rev. W. C. Day .....	15 00
Nordhoff, by Rev. J. A. Milligan .....	4 50
Palermo and Wyandotte, by Rev. W. H. Robinson .....	10 60
Perris, First, by Rev. W. N. Burr .....	20
Porterville, First, by Rev. M. Z. Fenenga .....	17 00
Railroad Flat, \$5 ; Murphy's and Douglas Flat, \$7, by Rev. M. J. Luark .....	12 00
San Francisco, Richmond and Pierce Street Chs., by Rev. P. Combe .....	14 50
San Diego and La Mesa, by Rev. T. R. Earl .....	24 37

## OREGON—\$46.05.

Arapahoe and Independence, by Rev. R. P. Brown .....	\$75 50
Condon and Lexington, by Rev. U. S. Drake .....	4 60
Forest Grove, Mrs. D. Staver .....	10 00
Gaston and Hillside, by Rev. J. M. Beauchamp .....	4 30
Hillsboro, First, by Rev. E. P. Hughes .....	17 15
Oswego, Leland, and Beaver Creek, by Rev. R. M. Jones .....	2 50

## WASHINGTON—\$64.50.

Cheney, by Rev. O. T. Thayer .....	13 00
Cowlitz Bend, by Rev. W. A. Arnold ..	2 00
Hillhurst, by Rev. W. H. Atkinson ..	1 40
Ritzville, German Ch., by Rev. G. Schenerle .....	22 35
Seattle, Taylor Ch., by Rev. G. H. Lee .....	12 90
Sultan, Jr., Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. H. W. Mercer .....	1 00
Washougal and Mt. Pleasant, by Rev. G. Baker .....	8 00
Wenas, \$1.15 ; Nachez, \$2.70, by Rev. R. G. Hawn .....	3 85
HOME MISSIONARY .....	68 75
	\$18,589 49

Contributions in April, excluding contributions for the debt .....	\$11,428 79
Legacies in April .....	2,687 84
Contributions for the debt in April .....	5,093 08

Total receipts in April .....

\$19,209 71

## Contributions for the debt to May 1st :

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor .....	\$77,956 58
Special for debt .....	7,576 14
	\$85,532 72

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Baltimore, Md., W. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. T. S. Brown, box .....	\$75 00
Bennington, Vt., L. H. M. S. of Second Ch., by Julia A. White, box .....	134 18
Bridgeport, Conn., Ladies of South Ch., by Mrs. A. D. Lewis, barrel .....	88 50
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Tompkins Ave. Ch., by Sarah M. Higgins, four boxes and two bar- rels .....	303 84
Ladies of Tompkins Ave. Ch., by Mrs. J. B. Clark, box .....	
Chicago, Ill., Ladies of South Ch., by Mrs. A. C. Whittaker, three boxes ...	353 70
Clifton Springs, N. Y., Mrs. Z. Eddy, barrel .....	
Elgin, Ill., Ladies' Guild of First Ch., by Mrs. E. A. Johnson, box .....	80 00
Ellington, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. S. T. Kimball, barrel .....	67 80
Glen Ridge, N. J., Ladies, by Mrs. E. C. Langstroth, box .....	110 00
Hartford, Conn., Pearl St. Ch., by Mrs. H. K. Lee, box and barrel .....	180 97
Montclair, N. J., W. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. W. M. Brown, two barrels .....	240 00
New Haven, Conn., Benev. Soc. of Dwight Place Ch., by Mrs. H. P. Downs, two barrels .....	\$116 00
L. H. M. S. of Ch. of The Redeemer, by Mrs. W. A. Hotchkiss, box .....	94 00
New London, Conn., Mizpah Circle of First Ch., by Nancy L. Brown, box and barrel .....	100 00
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, by Mrs. H. W. Seamans, fourteen trunks and two boxes .....	2,089 35
Hospital Book and Newspaper Soc., two packages .....	
South Manchester, Conn., L. B. S. of First Ch., by Antoinette B. Spencer, box and sewing machine .....	108 84
Stratford, Conn., Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Mrs. R. W. Bunnell, barrel .....	76 00
Waterbury, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Mary D. Griggs, box .....	65 50
Mission Circle of First Ch., by Mrs. F. L. Adams, box .....	150 00
Windsor Locks, Conn., Friend, two silver collection plates .....	
Woodbury, Conn., Ladies, by Mrs. J. A. Freeman, barrel .....	91 00

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Woman's Home Missionary Association in April, 1896.* MRS. LOUISE A. KELLOGG,  
Secretary

uburndale, Ladies, by Mrs. H. A. Hazen, package.....	\$25 00	Springfield, First Ch., Aux., by Mrs. C. A. Graves, package.....	\$7 00
oston, Old South Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. W. B. Garritt, box and barrel.....	141 05	Memorial Ch., Aux., by Mrs. B. F. Peirce, four barrels.....	210 70
alton, Ladies, by Miss Clara L. Crane, two barrels.....	154 00	Park Ch., King's Daughters' Circle, barrel.....	109 51
orchester, Second Ch., by Mrs. J. M. Phipps, barrel.....	75 00	South Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. M. L. Wilcox, six barrels.....	386 20
amaica Plain, Central Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. Lucy J. Ward, barrel.....	59 67	Ware, Aux., by Miss Emma T. Eaton, barrel.....	115 00
oiceister, Ladies, by Mrs. Corwin F. Palmer, barrel.....	85 70	Woburn, L. C. R. S., by Mrs. Minerva R. Bryant, barrel.....	76 00
owell, High St. Ch., Ladies, by Miss Emma J. Fuller, barrel.....	57 95	Worcester, Central Ch., W. A., by Mrs. Carrie G. Leland, box.....	166 59
ittsfield, First Ch., Ladies' F. W. S., by Mrs. Mary B. Davis, barrel.....	88 75	Spencer, L. C. S., by Mrs. George P. Ladd, barrel.....	90 00
oyalston, L. B. S., by Miss Lizzie W. Chase, barrel.....	41 53		\$1,889 65
omerville, Prospect Hill Ch., Rev. E. S. Tead, package.....			

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

### MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society from January 15 to April 13, 1896.*

JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer

cton, by Rev. John A. Lawrence.....	\$20 00	Gorham, First Ch. and Soc., for Grove-ville Ch.....	\$50 00
ndover, by Rev. F. V. Norcross.....	10 00	For chapel at Windham.....	10 00
uburn, High St. Ch., by James F. Atwood.....	57 00	To const. William P. Kimball, William M. Dyer, William Cressey, Charles W. Harding, John A. Waterman, Henry W. Hale, L. Ms.....	125 00
ugusta (special), by Rev. J. S. Williamson.....	32 00	Gray, by Mrs. Emeline Merritt.....	3 00
angor, First Ch. and Soc., by W. P. Hubbard.....	42 44	Legacy of Mrs. Charlotte Gibbs, by J. F. Hancock, Adm.....	980 79
Hammond St. Ch., add'l, by E. F. Rich.....	25 00	Hallowell, Legacy of Mrs. Mary Fifield, add'l, by G. A. Safford, cashier.....	63 70
Central Ch., by Rev. J. S. Penman, \$6; S. S., by R. J. Sawyer, \$31.92; Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Jessie Mitchell, \$7.11.....	45 03	Hampden, by Mrs. Kate B. Whitmore. Harrison, by Rev. A. G. Fitz.....	13 30 3 20
Legacy of N. Kittredge, add'l, by E. B. Thatcher and F. A. Wilson, Exrs. ath, bequest of Eleanor Tallman, by Weston Thompson, Adm.....	525 42	Island Falls, to const. Rev. H. H. Noyes a L. M.....	20 06
anchard, Jacob Blanchard.....	119 92	Kennebec Conference, by Rev. James Richmond.....	4 69
ewer, First, by G. A. Snow.....	5 00	Kittery, by Rev. H. V. Emmons.....	5 00
unswick, First, by R. H. Stanwood.....	27 50	Lewiston, A Friend.....	50 00
icksport, Elm St. Ch., by Edward Swazey.....	65 39	Limerick, add'l, by Rev. J. A. Waterworth.....	50
xton, Bar Mills, by Mrs. S. F. M. Rich.....	45 79	Litchfield Corners, by Rev. James Richmond.....	2 00
mden, Elm Street Ch., H. J. Hemingway, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	16 44	Machias, for debt, by Rev. C. S. Holton. Minot, by Mrs. S. F. M. Rich.....	18 21 10 52
mden, Y. P. S. C. E., for church building at Ashland, by G. A. Pool.....	9 00	New Gloucester, by Rev. H. G. Mank. No. Bridgton, by Rev. A. G. Fitz.....	85 00 5 00
erryfield, for debt, by J. W. Campbell.....	10 00	No. Ellsworth, by Rev. Charles Whittier.....	3 20
eer Isle, First, by Rev. J. S. Richards. eering, Free, by A. H. Small.....	10 00 2 18	Oxford, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. A. Varley.....	2 25
ennysville, for debt, by Rev. C. S. Holton.....	6 00	Orono, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	5 90
ver, Junior C. E. S., by George B. Fernald.....	12 40	Phillips, Cong'l Ch., A. M. Greenwood. Princeton, Ch., Rev. C. H. Leverton, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	24 81 3 76
lsworth Falls, by Rev. Charles Whittier.....	3 00	Red Beach, Ch., by Rev. Charles Whittier.....	7 71
armington, "Old South," by Rev. J. C. Young.....	7 49	Robbinston, Ch., by Rev. Charles Whittier.....	13 00
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Searsport, First Ch. and Soc., by Mrs. Hannah T. Pendleton.....	\$22 00	Woman's Me. Miss. Aux., by Rose M. Crosby.....	\$216 68
Solon, Ch., by Leon S. Merrill, for P. S. Longley.....	6 30	Income from Investments.....	350 00
South Gardiner, A Friend.....	3 00	Total from Jan. 15 to April 13, '96...	3,413 97
Veazie, Ch., by H. E. Lombard, with previous donation to const. Miss Clara L. Davis a L. M.....	15 00	Previously acknowledged.....	5,770 02
Washington Conf., balance on debt, by Rev. Charles S. Holton.....	20 60	Total from Sept. 21, '95, to April 13, '96	\$9,183 99
Wells, B. Maxwell, Esq.....	12 50	The above receipts are divided as follows:	
Westbrook, Ch., by H. P. Murch.....	50 75	From churches and individuals.....	\$3,539 98
Wilson's Mills, Rev. S. S. York, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	1 00	"    Woman's M. M. Aux.....	580 13
Woodford, Ch., by J. H. Clark.....	105 31	Income on investments.....	1,424 05
		Legacies.....	3,039 83
			<hr/> \$9,183 99

## NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society from February 1 to May 1, 1896.* HON. L. D. STEVENS, *Treasurer*

East Brentwood, Ch. and Soc.....	\$6 00	Charlestown, Ch. and Soc.....	\$8 00
North Weare, Union Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00	Winchester, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S., for work at San Rafael, New Mexico.....	7 41
Hillsborough Center, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00	Northampton, Ch. and Soc., \$31.50; J. L. Philbrook, for C. H. M. S., \$6.....	37 50
Atkinson, Ch. and Soc., \$18.88 (for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100).....	118 88	Hopkinton, Legacy of Mrs. Gracia T. Runnells.....	1,491 19
Keene, Elisha F. Lane, to const. Mrs. Harriet P. Lane a L. M. of N. H. M. S., and Henry W. Lane L. M. of C. H. M. S., \$80; First Ch. and Soc., for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, 2nd in full to const. Mr. Leonard Withington, Miss Lucy Dow and Mr. Luther C. Dean L. Ms. of C. H. M. S., \$111.....	191 00	Haverhill, Ch. and Soc., in full to const. Mrs. M. E. Currier a L. M.....	18 80
Alstead, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00	Tilton, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Concord, Swedish Bethel Ch. and Soc., \$25; South Ch. and Soc., \$67.64; for special work of Rev. H. D. Wiard, \$10; Sunday-school, for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100.32.....	202 96	Alton, Ch. and Soc.....	6 85
Hanover, Cong. Ch. and Soc. at Dart. Col., to place the names of Wm. J. Tucker, D.D., and Dr. Wm. T. Smith on the Gen. Howard Roll of Honor..	249 66	Chester, Y. P. S. C. E. of Ch. and Soc., for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	5 00
Franconia, Ch. and Soc.....	11 64	Rindge, Ch. and Soc.....	28 35
Newington, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Swanzy, Ch. and Soc.....	8 54
Amherst, Mrs. J. G. Davis.....	10 00	Marlborough, Ch. and Soc.....	7 06
East Alstead, Second Ch. and Soc.....	5 43	Derry, Ch. and Soc., to const. Mrs. Katherine L. Hall a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	57 22
Pembroke, Ch. and Soc.....	6 60	Hancock, Ch. and Soc.....	10 00
West Lebanon, Ch. and Soc.....	27 51	Newport, Ch. and Soc.....	24 38
Wolfborough, income of Trust Fund of Nancy H. Lord.....	4 00	Chichester, Ch. and Soc.....	3 02
Dover, First Ch. and Soc.....	188 09	Rye, Ch. and Soc.....	35 00
Greenland, Ch. and Soc., \$18; for C. H. M. S., \$12.....	30 00	Fitzwilliam, Ch. and Soc.....	17 18
Newmarket, Ch. and Soc.....	12 00	Hampstead, Ch. and Soc.....	31 30
Manchester, First Ch. and Soc., \$37.69; Franklin St. Ch. and Soc., for C. H. M. S., \$233.82; for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100; Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S., \$25; income of Abigail S. Knowles's estate, \$67.20.....	463 71	Bennington, Y. P. S. C. E.....	72
Gilmanston, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00	Chesterfield, Ch. and Soc., an Easter Offering.....	5 00
		Portsmouth, North Ch. and Soc.....	194 38
		Conway, income of Estate of Abby K. Wentworth.....	10 00
		Lancaster, Ch. and Soc.....	28 00
		New Ipswich, Legacy of Dea. Leavitt Lincoln.....	50 00
		Plymouth, Ch. and Soc.....	26 00
		Dublin, Legacy of Lucy B. Richardson, in part.....	25 00
		Orford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
		New Hampshire Cent Union.....	229 55
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## VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from January 20 to February 20, 1896.* WM. C. TYLER, *Treasurer*

Barnet, S. S.....	\$6 42	Brookfield, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$5 00
Barton, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S., Bradford, for C. H. M. S., Howard Roll of Honor.....	7 37	Burlington, First Church.....	182 00
Brattleboro, Mary L. Hadley.....	100 00	Hartford, West, "E. M. C.," for C. H. M. S.....	1 00
	25 00	Jamaica.....	13 75



Newbury, West.....	\$2 00	VERMONT MISSIONARY .....	\$59 06
Newport, First Church.....	13 90	W. H. M. U.:	
Northfield.....	16 33	Burlington, First Church, W.	
Norwich, A Friend.....	2 00	H. M. S.....	\$35 00
Pawlet, West, A Friend.....	2 00	Chester, W. H. M. S.....	10 50
Putney.....	23 10	Fairfax, Mrs. A. B. Beeman..	3 00
Townshend, West.....	11 25	Mrs. E. Purmont.....	2 00
Troy, North, A two-year-old boy.....	1 00	Rutland, W. H. M. S.....	50 00
Waterbury.....	13 34	Springfield, W. H. M. S.....	14 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 19	St. Johnsbury, North Church	50 00
C. H. M. S., Howard Roll of Honor.	100 00		164 50
Woodstock, C. H. M. S., Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00		
Interest from invested funds.....	60 00		\$911 21

*Receipts from February 20 to March 20, 1896*

Bennington Center, Old First Church.	\$62 50	St. Johnsbury, North Ch., S. Mar. 12...	\$50 00
Old First Church, Y. P. S. C. E.....	15 00	Saxton's River.....	8 00
Brookfield, First Church.....	5 50	Shoreham, for C. H. M. S. debt.....	41 00
For C. H. M. S.....	5 50	Victory, Geo. A. Appleton.....	15 00
Second Church.....	2 50	Victory and Granby, Y. P. S. C. E., for	
For C. H. M. S.....	2 50	Women Evangelists.....	3 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Dr. W. H. Williams..	25 00	Westminster West, Howard Roll of	
Burke, for Women Evangelists.....	26 64	Honor, to const. Jos. P. Ranney and	
Burlington, Members of First Church..	11 00	Arthur L. Harlow L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.	100 00
College St. Church.....	85 00	Woodstock.....	26 09
Chester, Mrs. Abby Collins.....	10 00	VERMONT MISSIONARY.....	15 85
Cornwall, for C. H. M. S.....	22 60	W. H. M. U.....	25 00
Essex Junction.....	22 40	St. Albans, W. H. M. S.....	20 00
Fairfield, East, Junior Y. P. S. C. E....	5 00	Income from invested funds.....	55 00
Glover, West.....	6 80		
Hartford.....	4 60		\$912 93
Hinesburgh, for C. H. M. S.....	3 60	Received for East Dorset Parsonage :	
Lamoille County, A Friend.....	200 00	Pittsford, S. S.....	\$25 00
Orwell.....	37 85		

*Receipts from March 20 to April 20, 1896*

Braintree E. and Brookfield W., for		Wolcott.....	\$2 50
Women Evangelists.....	\$50 00	Legacy, Olive C. Nourse, Pittsford...	400 00
Brattleboro, West.....	34 19	Interest.....	20 00
For C. H. M. S.....	5 00	VERMONT MISSIONARY.....	18 34
Cornwall, for C. H. M. S.....	20 38	W. H. M. U.:	
Derby.....	6 00	Barre, W. H. M. S.....	\$15 00
Marlboro.....	2 50	Brattleboro, Ladies' Asso.....	25 00
Newbury.....	33 16	Burlington, First Ch. W. H.	
Quechee.....	15 73	M. S.....	15 00
Rochester, by request Mrs. E. A. Chaffee	10 00	Fairlee, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 24
St. Johnsbury, South Church.....	87 00	Orwell, W. M. S.....	10 00
Thetford, Mrs. L. S. Lord.....	1 00	Rutland, W. H. M. S.....	50 00
Mrs. John Kinsman.....	1 00	Waterford, Lower, Mrs. H.	
Tunbridge.....	10 00	N. Ross.....	1 00
Vershire.....	18 00		119 24
Westford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00		\$868 08
Windsor.....	6 04		

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in April, 1896.* REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, *Treasurer*

Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor :		Greenfield, First. Y. P. S. C. E., by	
Attleboro, Horton, Mrs. Eliza D., by		Rev. C. H. Watson, part of pledge	
C. E. Bliss, Treas. Second Ch.....	\$100 00	of four Franklin Co. Chs.....	\$25 00
Boston, Southworth, Carrie Win-		Lowell, High St., Sunday-school, by	
throp.....	100 00	Samuel N. Wood.....	100 00
Southworth, Mrs. Caroline M.....	100 00	Lynn, Central, Sunday-school, by H.	
Dedham, First, Allin Y. P. S. C. E., by		P. Emerson.....	100 00
F. E. Morse.....	100 00	North, Balance, by Rev. W. A.	
Fall River, Central, Holmes, Chas. J.,		Hadley.....	23 30
by R. B. Borden.....	100 00	Mann, Mrs. Sarah R., from Oberlin,	
Framingham, Plymouth, Balance, by		O.....	100 00
Rev. L. R. Eastman.....	50 00	Newton, Auburndale, by C. S. Roberts.	100 00

Eliot, Baker, Hiram E., by G. N. Putnam	\$100 00	Haile, Sab. W., Fund, Income of	\$62 50
Cobb, Andrew B., by G. N. Putnam	100 00	Hale, E. J. M., Fund, Income of	25 00
Cobb, Henry E., by G. N. Putnam	100 00	Hanover, South, Hartshorne, Rev. V. J. Harwich, Y. P. S. C. E., by Annie P. Smith	7 00
Haskell, Chas. A., by G. N. Putnam	100 00	Haverhill, Elliott, Miss Mary R., for debt, and with gift below to const. herself a L. M. of C. H. M. S.	2 50
Quincy, Wollaston, by E. L. Robbins, two shares	200 00	Fourth, Elliott, Miss Emma S., for debt of C. H. M. S.	25 00
Westfield, Second, Sunday-school, by C. E. Hadsell	100 00	North, A Friend	15 00
Worcester, Old South, Lovell, Henry, and Whipple, Albert B., \$50 each, and to const. donors L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.	100 00	Holbrook, Winthrop, by F. W. Blanchard	30 40
	\$1,798 30	Holland, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by L. E. Blodgett	1 00
Abington, First, by E. M. Nash	\$14 75	Holliston, A Friend, "R."	5 00
A Friend, for C. H. M. S.	15 00	Hopkinton, by J. D. Stewart, to const. C. Isabelle Baker and Mrs. L. R. Haven L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.	137 00
Amherst, South, by J. F. Gleason	13 72	Huntington, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. Anna Bartlett	3 00
Andover, Students of Theo. Sem., by W. F. Draper, add'l, for debt of C. H. M. S.	1 00	Ipswich, First, S. School, Easter Concert, by Miss A. L. Newman	18 43
Ashfield, by Mrs. A. Hall, to const. Henry Taylor a L. M. of C. H. M. S.	82 00	Jessup, C. A., Fund, Income of	150 00
Ashland, by Edwin Perry	25 00	Leominster, Orth., by A. O. Wilder	145 64
Ayer, Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob. Taft	5 00	Lowell, High St., S. School (add'l, to Roll of Honor), by S. N. Wood	25 00
Bank Balances, March interest	11 83	Lynn, Chestnut St., by Geo. E. Sargent	3 00
Boston, Dorchester, Fullarton, Mrs. Jacob	7 00	Malden, Maplewood, by A. D. Crombie, Taft Thank-offering from Easter Concert	15 00
Dorchester, Village, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Reuben Swan	15 55	Manchester, Woman's Miss. Society, by Mrs. L. F. Allen	30 00
Jamaica Plain, Jewett, Sam'l W., Est. of, add'l, by Executors—entered on special account, \$1,300.		Marion, by D. M. Dustan	30 00
Mt. Vernon, Two Friends, by E. A. Studley	100 00	A Friend, for C. H. M. S.	10 00
Neponset, Trinity, Y. P. S. C. E., by H. G. Dixon	14 11	Ladies' Sewing Circle, by D. M. Dustan	5 00
"T. G."	30 00	Massachusetts, L. Ms. to be named	100 00
Thomson, Geo. N., M.D., Estate of, by Mrs. Lydia P. Thomson, Ex.	500 00	Montague, Turner's Falls, by D. M. Bowman	17 65
Boxford, West, by Rev. C. L. Hubbard	3 00	Newton, Auburndale, by C. C. Burr	342 03
Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith	4 03	(Center) First, by J. E. Rockwood	221 61
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss Sarah H. Thayer, to const. Mrs. H. W. Gore and Miss Emma L. French L. Ms.	60 00	Eliot, by Geo. N. Putnam	781 88
Brockton, Porter Evan., by Geo. C. Cary	84 40	For local Armenian Work, by G. N. Putnam	25 00
H. M. Rally	16 56	North Andover, by Frank W. Frisbee	50 00
Brookline, Harvard, by Jas. H. Shapleigh	103 77	Northboro, add'l, by Miss A. A. Adams	2 00
Special for Italian Mission, by J. H. S. Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook	31 15	Northbridge, Whitinsville, by Edward Whitin	1,627 73
Prospect St., by S. H. Fuller (of which \$300 for C. H. M. S.)	32 82	E. C. a Day Band, by Mrs. C. E. Whitin	17 92
Charlton, by F. O. Wakefield	118 30	Whitin, W. H., Est. of, by Edward Whitin	500 00
Chelsea, Central, by R. R. Wylie	15 05	North Brookfield, First, by John S. Cooke	29 60
Harding, Mrs. E. L., Est. of, by E. D. Sibley, Adm.	90 74	Pepperell, by Chas. Crosby	50 00
Chicopee (Falls), Second, by Chas. A. Taylor	500 00	Pittsfield, First, by Frank W. Dutton	73 27
Clinton, Evan., by Rev. W. W. Jordan	37 32	Plympton, Silver Lake, Y. P. S. C. E., by Harry W. Clemons	1 00
Concord, Trinitarian, by Thomas Todd	30 10	Princeton, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. Chas. A. White	4 31
Dalton, First, by H. A. Barton, to const. Mrs. H. F. Skillinger, Mrs. Geo. Pike and S. N. Torrey L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.	24 41	Reed, Dwight, Fund, Income of	64 00
Dana, by N. L. Johnson	8 00	Rochester, East, by Geo. P. Morse	3 00
Deerfield, South Church, \$27.91; S. School, \$7.09, by C. B. Tilton	35 00	North, by A. K. Small	2 00
Fall River, Central, by R. B. Borden, W. P. G. to const. Rev. W. W. Jubb, D.D., R. B. Borden, Chas. J. Holmes, and Henry H. Earle L. Ms.	113 67	Shelburne, Stone, Miss P. J., Thank-offering	2 00
Franklin, Home Miss. Rally, by Rev. C. W. Longren, add'l	2 00	Southbridge, Globe Village, Evan. Free, by A. L. Hyde	38 52
Frost, Rufus S., Chapel Trust Fund, Income of	16 00	South Hadley Falls, by A. N. Chapin	11 16
Gurney, R. C., Fund, Income of	44 25	First, by L. M. Gaylord	17 50
		Springfield, Emmanuel, by H. V. R. Schermerhorn (of which \$3.41 Taft Thank-offering)	10 54
		First, by Henry G. Camp	200 00
		Stoughton, by Mrs. E. J. S. Rose	6 37
		Sturbridge, by H. D. Haynes	37 70
		Taunton, East, by Geo. A. King	10 00
		Winslow, by Jos. H. Hastings	84 43
		Wakefield, by W. P. Preston	25 98
		Wall Fund, Income of	32 00
		Waltham, Swede Ch., by Gottfried Isakson	2 87

Trinitarian, by T. W. Temple .....	\$30 09	Winchester, First, by Eben Caldwell,	
Vare, East (add'l), by D. W. Ainsworth.	5 00	Treas. ....	\$250 00
Vatertown, Phillips, individuals in, for		P. E. N. Special .....	10 00
local Armenian Work .....	10 00	Windsor, by Rev. S. M. Andrews .....	2 50
Vestboro, Evan., by Harriet E. Brig-		Woburn Conference, by Rev. Geo. E.	
ham .....	74 87	Lovejoy, for Montvale Ch. ....	16 00
Vest Boylston. S. School, by E. D. Rice,		Worcester, cash, to const. Mrs. Maria	
for C. H. M. S. debt .....	15 00	A. Smith a L. M. ....	30 00
Vestport, Pacific Union, S. School, by		Piedmont, by Alfred W. Burrill .....	37 00
J. C. Macomber .....	15 00	Union, by C. B. Greene .....	144 29
Veymouth, North, Heights, by Rufus		Woman's Home Miss. Asso., by Miss A.	
Bates .....	68 28	C. Bridgman, Treas. :	
South, Old South, by Rev. H. C.		Boston, Roxbury, Wal. Ave. Aux.,	
Alvord .....	12 00	towards salary of Rev. Saml. Dea-	
Whitcomb, David, Fund, Income of .....	142 50	kin, Cowles, Neb. ....	14 00
Amount of Bank Stock surrendered			
for reinvestment .....	1,000 00		\$11,568 41
Whitin, J. C., Fund, Income of .....	337 50		
Whitman, First, by Bela Alden .....	28 10	HOME MISSIONARY .....	6 00
Williamstown, South, by Rev. Jas. A.			
Lyttc .....	10 00		\$11,574 41

# MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in April, 1896.* WARD W. JACOBS,  
Treasurer

Bridgeport, Second, by O. H. Brothwell	\$40 35	Norwalk, East Norwalk, Swedish, by	
Bristol, by L. G. Merick .....	25 00	Conrad Molandar .....	\$3 00
Broad Brook, see East Windsor.		Orange, West Haven, First, by Rev. S.	
Brockfield, by Alfred Somers, for C. H.		J. Bryant .....	25 52
M. S. ....	33 83	Rockville Union, see Vernon.	
Derby, First, by Luzon Hubbell .....	18 33	Stafford, West Stafford, by Rev. J. A.	
Eastford, by Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, for		Solandt .....	10 00
C. H. M. S. ....	20 00	Staffordville, by Rev. H. M. Vaill...	6 00
East Norwalk, see Norwalk.		Vernon, Rockville, Union, by H. L.	
East Windsor, Broad Brook, by S. B.		James .....	47 27
Adams .....	7 07	Warren, by A. B. Camp, for C. H. M. S.	18 00
Granby, First, by M. C. Hayes .....	7 00	West Hartford, by E. S. Elmer .....	15 85
Hampton, by J. W. Congdon, for C. H.		West Haven, First, see Orange.	
M. S. ....	12 93	West Stafford, see Stafford.	
Killingly, South Killingly, by Rev.		Wethersfield, by S. F. Willard .....	65 07
William H. Beard, for C. H. M. S.,		Winchester, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M.	
for part of share in Gen. O. O. Howard		S., by Harrie Starks .....	1 30
Roll of Honor, taken by Plainfield		Windsor Locks, Mrs. H. R. Coffin, for	
Cong. Ch. ....	10 00	C. H. M. S., Gen. O. O. Howard Roll	
West Haven, Redeemer, by William E.		of Honor .....	100 00
Rowland .....	15 26		\$ 530 38
West London, First, by H. C. Learned .....	43 60		
North Haven, Ladies' Benevolent Soci-		BOXES	
ety, by Mary Wyllys Eliot .....	5 00	Cromwell, box .....	\$110 00

# ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in March, 1896.* AARON B. MEAD,  
Treasurer

Abingdon .....	\$84 50	South .....	\$157 52
Albion, Mrs. P. W. Wallace .....	2 00	University .....	12 35
Alto Pass .....	10 05	Englewood, Pilgrim .....	44 70
Amboy .....	40 00	Central Park, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	5 00
Annanwan .....	7 20	South Chicago (Y. P. S. C. E., \$5) .....	15 00
Austin .....	50 00	Chillicothe .....	31 05
Avon, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	3 00	Crescent City .....	10 00
Batavia, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	5 00	Crete .....	11 00
Bunker Hill .....	12 65	De Kalb .....	64 20
Cambridge .....	34 20	De Long .....	5 45
Canon .....	26 29	Earlville, J. A. D. ....	25 00
Chicago, First (S. S., \$17; Ladies' Soc.,		Elburn .....	4 52
\$45) .....	226 17	Elmhurst .....	30 00
Plymouth .....	3 00	Godfrey .....	20 00
New England .....	1 00	Griggsville .....	12 00
Leavitt Street .....	48 15	Harvard .....	10 00
Lincoln Park .....	55 00	Hennepin (Y. P. S. C. E., \$10) .....	13 50

Highland.....	\$8 36	Wayne.....	\$20 00
Hinsdale, S. S.....	50 00	Western Springs.....	5 00
Hume.....	15 00	Wheaton (S. S., \$3).....	53 30
Kangley.....	5 00	Winnebago.....	20 80
Lacon.....	9 61	Woman's Home Missionary Union:	
La Salle.....	5 00	Aurora, New England.....	\$29 77
Mendon (S. S., \$12.75).....	28 75	Chicago, New England..	9 50
Metropolis.....	14 00	Lincoln Park.....	5 25
Morton Park.....	2 42	Evanston.....	5 00
New Grand Chain.....	6 35	Mrs. Lucy Shuman, \$50; Bequest of Mrs. Cloe B. Wells, \$5.....	55 00
Newtown.....	2 00	Glencoe.....	37 80
Nora.....	2 85	Griggsville (young ladies, \$30).....	60 00
Oak Park, First.....	1 00	Highland.....	10 00
Forest Ave. Branch Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Marshall.....	7 05
Olney (Y. P. S. C. E., \$5).....	10 00	Metropolis.....	2 36
Oneida (S. S., \$1; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.50).....	28 50	Oak Park.....	20 00
Pana.....	5 00	Paxton.....	75 00
Pecatonica.....	6 50	Pittsfield, Clare and Edward Doocy.....	20
Payson, J. K. Scarborough.....	5 00	Quincy, First Union.....	25 00
Pittsfield.....	40 15	Rockford, First.....	18 10
Plainfield (Y. P. S. C. E., \$2).....	26 75	Second.....	115 00
Plano.....	5 00	Rogers Park.....	14 00
Rantoul.....	2 25	Sheffield, Y. P. S. C. E.....	12 00
Ridgeland.....	38 76	Sycamore.....	50 00
Riley.....	11 00	Waverly.....	2 36
River View.....	8 00	Winnebago.....	5 00
Roberts, S. S., \$10; Y. P. S. C. E., \$4.20.....	14 20		558 39
Rockefeller.....	0 28	Winslow, Berean Ch.....	25 58
Rockford, First.....	80 35	Woodburn.....	3 45
Second, S. S.....	18 84	Yorkville.....	6 81
Rollo, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00	Miscellaneous:	
Roscoe.....	14 00	Cash.....	25 00
Sandoval.....	29 00	Interest on Investment.....	178 85
Seward, First.....	0 12	Supply Fee.....	10 00
Second.....	13 20	Rev. Henry Willard.....	25 00
Shabbona, Y. P. S. C. E.....	15 20	Rev. Jno. B. Davies, Chenoa.....	16 66
Sheffield.....	137 50	J. D. McCord, Chicago.....	8 33
Stillman Valley, Lovejoy Johnson, \$15; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clayton, \$2.....	17 00	Prompt Relief Fund.....	843 58
Streator, Bridge Street.....	5 77		\$3,779 32
Sycamore.....	100 00		
Tonica.....	10 00		
Wataga.....	16 37		
Waverly (Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.93; S. S., \$9.75).....	37 99		

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in March, 1896.*REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, *Treasurer*

Alba.....	\$22 45	Eaton Rapids.....	\$73 80
Ann Arbor.....	24 55	Edmore.....	6 50
Armada.....	29 15	Freeport.....	11 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00	Galesburg.....	31 00
S. S.....	5 00	S. S.....	9 00
Baldwin.....	15 00	A Friend.....	50 00
Baroda.....	1 00	Gilmore.....	3 83
Batavia, S. S.....	2 25	Grand Rapids, First.....	150 00
Bradley.....	1 25	Second, S. S.....	5 50
Bridgman.....	1 00	Smith Memorial.....	15 72
Carmel.....	6 33	Grass Lake.....	2 53
Carson City.....	6 50	Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Clare.....	0 00	Hancock.....	112 69
S. S.....	5 00	Homestead.....	17 85
Clarksville.....	8 00	Hopkins Station, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Columbus.....	5 00	Hudson, to const. Mrs. Maria Grinnell of Hudson a L. M. of the C. H. M. S.....	50 00
Cooper.....	20 40	Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 50
Copemish.....	8 00	Imlay City.....	18 00
Detroit, Woodward Av.....	87 99	Y. P. S. C. E.....	7 00
Fort Street.....	30 00	Irving.....	20 00
Mt. Hope.....	15 55	Jackson, Plymouth.....	48 60
S. S.....	0 51	Kalkaska.....	80
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Kendall.....	8 45
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Lake Odessa.....	35 00
Brewster.....	13 40	Lansing, Plymouth.....	50 00
S. S.....	5 06	Lowell.....	3 15
Dexter.....	5 25	Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 28
Eastport.....	1 19		



Maybee.....	\$50
Middleville.....	11 50
Morenci.....	40 35
Northport.....	29 50
Olivet.....	100 00
Orion.....	5 25
Owosso.....	47 50
Oxford.....	14 85
Pittsford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 00
Pontiac.....	69 00
Prattville.....	10 00
Ransom.....	2 25
Romeo.....	109 66
Roscommon.....	11 00
St. Clair.....	50 37
Sandstone.....	54 00
Saugatuck.....	30 00
Six Lakes.....	3 10
Solon.....	7 40
South Boston.....	8 36
Superior.....	5 00
Thompsonville.....	5 00
Watervliet.....	24 70
Wayland.....	1 25
Wheatland.....	18 00
Williamston.....	8 11
Ypsilanti.....	32 00
S. S.....	5 00
Estate of Mrs. E. H. Spaulding, Al- mont, Mich., by E. B. Bancroft, Ex.....	100 00
Interest on Permanent Funds.....	150 00
Woman's Home Missionary Union of Michigan, by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Tr.....	901 45
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	\$2,959 13

Receipts of the W. H. M. U. of Michigan  
in March, 1896. Mrs. E. F. Grabill,  
Treas.:

## FOR STATE WORK

## SENIOR SOCIETIES

Almont, W. M. S.....	\$5 00
Allendale, W. H. M. U.....	10 00
Ann Arbor, W. H. M. U.....	61 32
A Friend "who has gone before".....	75
Battle Creek, Mrs. Eliza Allen.....	50
Benton Harbor, W. M. U.....	8 40
Benzonia, W. H. M. S.....	12 60
Bridgman, W. H. M. S.....	4 00
Bronson, W. H. M. S.....	5 70
Cadillac, W. M. S.....	3 50
Charlotte, L. B. S.....	25 00
Cheboygan, W. H. M. U.....	20 00
Clinton, W. H. M. S.....	7 00
Coloma, H. and F. M. S.....	8 00
Cooper, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Covert, W. M. S.....	5 00
Detroit, First, W. A.....	50 00
Fort Street, L. A. S.....	10 00
Brewster, W. H. M. S.....	25 00
Dorr, Ind. Soc.....	5 00
Douglas, W. M. S.....	8 70
Eaton Rapids, W. H. M. S.....	1 55
Flint, W. H. M. S.....	26 00
Frankfort, W. H. M. U.....	26 94
Galesburg, W. M. S.....	21 00
Grand Blanc, W. H. M. S.....	13 00
Grand Haven, W. M. S.....	4 00
Grand Ledge, W. H. M. U.....	5 00
Grand Rapids, Plymouth, W. H. M. S.....	8 00
Second Ch., W. H. M. S.....	22 10
South Ch., W. H. M. S.....	10 00
Hancock, W. M. S.....	25 00
Harrison, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Highland Station, W. H. M. U.....	6 30
Homestead, W. H. M. U.....	8 00
Hopkins Station, W. M. U.....	6 00
Jackson, W. H. M. S.....	17 75
Kinderhook, W. H. M. S.....	2 00
Lansing, Plymouth, W. H. M. S.....	31 25
Lowell, W. H. M. U.....	5 00

Ludington, W. H. M. S.....	\$47 48
Maple Rapids, W. H. M. S.....	6 00
Morenci, from Silver Circle Fund.....	25 00
Mulliken, W. H. M. U., by A Friend.....	1 00
Muskegon, Grand Av., W. H. M. S.....	50
North Adams, W. M. S.....	22 00
Olivet, L. B. S.....	25 00
Onesama, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Owosso, W. M. U.....	40 70
Oxford, W. M. S.....	5 00
Pontiac, W. H. M. S.....	9 00
Port Huron, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Portland, W. H. M. S.....	1 05
Reed City, Aux.....	5 04
Richmond, W. M. S.....	10 00
Rondo, W. H. M. S.....	5 25
St. Joseph, W. M. S.....	6 90
Saginaw, W. S.....	128 27
Salem, First, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Saugatuck, W. M. S.....	12 50
Shelby, L. A. S.....	5 00
Solon, W. H. M. U.....	5 00
Somerset, W. H. M. S.....	18 00
South Emmett, W. M. S.....	50
South Haven, W. M. S.....	23 00
South Lake Linden, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Tipton, W. H. and F. M. S.....	10 00
Union City, W. H. M. U.....	11 50
Vermontville, W. H. M. S.....	15 75
Vicksburg, W. H. M. S.....	15 00
West Adrian, W. M. S.....	5 00
Whitaker, W. H. M. S.....	8 00
Williamston, H. H. Soc.....	1 38
Wyandotte, W. M. S.....	20 00
Ypsilanti, W. H. M. S.....	21 25
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	\$1,055 33

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

## For Salary of Rev. Joel Martin:

Ann Arbor, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$32 26
Bay City, Y. P. S. C. E.....	16 13
Bethel, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Bronson, Mission Band.....	3 40
Cadillac, Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 50
Cooper, Y. W. M. S.....	6 00
Frankfort, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00
Grand Rapids, Smith Memorial, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 00
Hopkins Station, H. H. M. Band.....	8 00
Litchfield, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 00
North Adams, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 00
Owosso, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Oxford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Richmond, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 25
St. Joseph, S. S. Birthday Box.....	4 10
Wyandotte, Y. P. S. C. E., for E. C. a day offering.....	1 56
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., self-denial week.....	2 50
Ypsilanti, Y. P. S. C. E.....	20 00
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Y. L. M. S.....	20 00
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	\$161 70

Additional receipts of Michigan Wo-  
man's Home Missionary Union in  
March:

Edmore, by Mrs. Henry Marsh.....	\$15 00
Grass Lake, W. H. M. S.....	15 00
Jackson, W. H. M. S.....	1 25
Leslie, First, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
North Leoni, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Owosso, W. M. S.....	6 27
Thank-offering.....	3 92
Pontiac, W. H. M. S.....	1 90
Union City, W. H. M. S.....	6 25
Vestaburg, L. A. S., by Mrs. Henry Marsh.....	10 00
Whittaker, W. H. M. S.....	3 25
Ypsilanti, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
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	\$77 84

*Receipts in April*

Alamo.....	\$17 00	Kendall.....	\$6 00
Alba.....	1 50	Kinderhook.....	1 00
Allendale.....	17 80	Laingsburg.....	20 00
Allenville.....	3 71	Lansing, Plymouth.....	171 10
Almont.....	47 00	Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 40
Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 30	Lake Ann.....	3 04
Muir Y. P.....	1 01	Lakeview.....	3 60
Alpine and Walker.....	25 00	Lamont.....	8 25
Armada, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Leroy.....	10 00
Augusta.....	12 74	Leslie, First.....	32 50
Baldwin.....	5 00	Mancelona.....	27 90
Bangor, First.....	5 50	Manistee.....	135 50
Bass River.....	1 42	Maple City.....	2 50
Bay City.....	18 00	Matchwood.....	35
Belding.....	4 23	Mattison.....	2 25
Benzonia.....	60 00	Mecosta.....	10 00
Big Prairie.....	5 00	Metamora.....	3 04
Big Rock.....	2 65	Michigan Center.....	20 00
Bradley.....	12 50	Middleville.....	3 36
Cadillac.....	176 69	Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 00
Cannon.....	5 00	S. S.....	4 14
Carmel.....	2 38	Mulliken.....	4 79
Carsonville.....	5 00	Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 92
Cedar Springs.....	27 75	Muskegon, First.....	25 04
Central Lake.....	15 00	Nahma.....	98
Charlevoix.....	14 00	Nashville.....	7 00
Charlotte.....	25 00	New Baltimore.....	2 00
Chase.....	3 00	New Haven.....	20 71
Cheboygan.....	12 12	North Leoni.....	10 00
Chesaning.....	23 98	Northport.....	25 00
Chesterfield.....	17 00	Nunica.....	7 60
Chippewa Lake.....	5 50	Olivet.....	16 57
Clarksville.....	1 75	Onondaga.....	22 00
Clinton.....	40 50	Ovid.....	43 75
Clio.....	7 00	S. S.....	11 75
Coloma.....	3 60	Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Columbus.....	9 97	Oxford.....	4 00
Constantine.....	14 36	Pine Grove.....	5 00
Cooks.....	57	Pittsford.....	10 00
Coral.....	1 00	Little Workers.....	5 00
Crystal.....	6 00	Pontiac.....	10 00
Custer.....	7 55	Port Huron, First.....	180 73
Detroit, Woodward Avenue.....	93 75	Y. P. S. C. E.....	50 00
Plymouth.....	9 26	S. S.....	75 00
Brewster, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Portland.....	12 93
Canfield Ave.....	11 50	Port Sanilac.....	1 25
East Gilead.....	3 08	Rapid River.....	2 32
East Nelson.....	5 25	Reed City.....	31 00
East Paris.....	4 00	Roscommon.....	5 00
Eastport.....	6 46	Rochester.....	4 49
Eaton Rapids.....	27 00	Romeo.....	10 00
Edmore.....	9 50	Richmond.....	33 25
Ellsworth.....	7 35	Saginaw.....	94 00
Ensign.....	1 45	Sault Ste. Marie.....	16 00
Ewen.....	5 00	St. Jacques.....	1 08
Fenwick.....	3 25	Salem, First.....	14 10
Flat Rock.....	4 00	Second.....	8 19
Flint.....	35 11	Sand Lake.....	5 00
Garden.....	2 85	Saranac.....	15 55
Gaylord.....	23 25	Sheridan.....	5 00
Gladstone.....	12 00	Shingleton.....	21
Grand Rapids, First.....	200 00	Sidney.....	2 00
Second.....	20 60	Solon.....	3 00
South.....	10 10	South L. Linden.....	5 00
Plymouth.....	3 50	Standish.....	7 75
East.....	7 25	Sugar Island.....	3 11
Greenville.....	81 91	Tawas City.....	17 50
Hancock, S. S.....	100 00	Three Oaks.....	75 21
S. S. Home Dpt.....	22 74	Tipton, Edwin Cook.....	10 00
Harrietta.....	81	Union City.....	59 65
Hilliards.....	10 06	Vanderbilt.....	3 36
Harrison, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00	Vernon.....	22 30
Hart.....	25 00	Victor.....	6 94
Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 50	Vienna.....	12 25
Howard City.....	1 00	Wayland.....	16 00
Imlay City.....	2 00	Wayne.....	5 52
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	8 00	West Adrian.....	4 75
Jackson, First.....	60 35	Westwood.....	41
Johnstown and Barry.....	4 00	White Cloud.....	15 00
Kalamo.....	5 00	Whittaker.....	2 00

Wolverine.....	\$29 75
Wyandotte.....	30 00
Ypsilanti, Y. P. S. C. E .....	3 00
Pulpit Supply.....	5 00
Rev. Joel Martin.....	5 00
A Friend.....	1 00
W. H. M. U., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill,	
Treas.....	907 39
	<hr/> \$4,049 59

Receipts of the W. H. M. U. of Michi-  
gan in April, 1896. Mrs. E. F. Gra-  
bill, Treas.:

SENIOR WORK

Benzonia, W. H. M. S.....	\$2 80
Columbus, W. M. S.....	5 00
Detroit, Woodward Av., W. U.....	50 00
First Ch., W. A.....	50 00
Ellsworth, W. H. M. S.....	50
Grand Rapids, Park Ch., W. H. M. S	84 00
Greenville, W. H. M. S.....	9 50
Hancock, W. M. S.....	14 60
Hartland, W. H. M. S.....	13 00
Highland Sta., W. H. M. S.....	4 25
Jackson, First, W. H. M. S.....	20 55

Lansing, Plymouth, W. H. M. U.....	\$60 25
Mulliken, W. H. M. U.....	1 40
Napoleon, Mrs. O. F. Colgrove.....	10 00
Ovid, W. M. S.....	5 00
Rapid River, W. M. S.....	2 00
Middleville, W. H. M. S.....	3 00
Red Jacket, W. H. M. S.....	75 00
Rochester, W. M. S.....	8 21
Union City, W. B. M. S .....	\$4 00
Thank Offering.....	9 04
	<hr/> 13 04
Whitaker, W. H. M. S.....	2 75
	<hr/> \$434 85

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

JUNIOR

Flint, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$6 00
Greenville, Jr. Miss. Band.....	1 52
Lansing, Plymouth Guild.....	11 25
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 90
Oxford, Jr. Miss. S. S.....	2 41
South Haven, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Webster, S. S. Miss. Soc.....	4 56
	<hr/> \$33 64
	<hr/> \$468 49

WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY  
ORGANIZATIONS

OFFICERS

1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804  
and

HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

2. MINNESOTA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

3. ALABAMA

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE

ISLAND \*

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA-  
TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

5. MAINE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

6. MICHIGAN

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 7. KANSAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. George L. Epps, Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

## 8. OHIO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
 Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, The Morris,  
 Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
 St., Toledo.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave.,  
 Brooklyn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St.,  
 Syracuse.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave.,  
 Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President*, Mrs. W. H. Boals, Fargo.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President*, Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No.  
 Portland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Port-  
 land.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President*, Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic  
 Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St.,  
 Tacoma.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street,  
 Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Robbins, Ashton.  
*Secretary*,  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President*, Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New  
 Britain.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St.,  
 Hartford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St.,  
 Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St.,  
 Kansas City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave.,  
 Kansas City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave.,  
 Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Isaac Claflin, Lombard.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington  
 St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President*, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave.,  
 Des Moines.

## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President*, Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oak-  
 land.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St.,  
 Oakland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St.,  
 Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President*, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.



21. FLORIDA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

22. INDIANA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, —  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 353 So. Hope St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

24. VERMONT

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. J. H. Babbitt, West Brattleboro.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

25. COLORADO

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Charles Westley, Box 508, Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

26. WYOMING

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

27. GEORGIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

28. MISSISSIPPI

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Emma Redick, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

29. LOUISIANA

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. M. Crawford, Hammond.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Matilda Cabrière, 152 North Galvez St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 1214 Grundy St., Nashville, Tenn.

31. NORTH CAROLINA

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

32. TEXAS

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. I. Carroll, 331 Grand Avenue, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave.,  
 Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 38. INDIAN TERRITORY

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1892

*President*, Mrs. Fayette Hurd, Vinita.  
*Secretary*, Miss Louise Graper, Vinita.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Raymond, Vinita.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Lansford.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Ter-  
 race, Philadelphia.

## 39. NEVADA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1892

*President*, Mrs. L. J. Flint, Reno.  
*Secretary*, Miss Margaret N. Magill, Reno.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Mary Clow, Reno.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. H. Parker, Kingfisher.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. E. Platt, Guthrie.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. B. Hammer, Oklahoma City.

## 40. NEW MEXICO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1892

*President*, Mrs. E. H. Ashmun, Albuquerque.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. F. A. Burlingame, Albuquerque.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. McClaskey, Albuquerque.

## 36. NEW JERSEY

INCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND,  
 AND VIRGINIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF  
THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

Organized March, 1891

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Bradford, Montclair.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. D. Hagerman, Montclair.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Denison, 150 Belleville Ave.,  
 Newark.

## 41. BLACK HILLS, SO. DAKOTA

BLACK HILLS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
UNION

Organized October, 1893

*President*, Mrs. J. B. Gossage, Rapid City, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.  
*Secretary*, Miss Carrie Towner, Custer, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. S. Cushman, Deadwood, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.

## 37. UTAH

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1891

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, 135 Sixth East  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. E. Hall, 78 East First North  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. D. Nutting, Third North and  
 Quince Streets, Salt Lake City.

## 42. IDAHO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1895

*President*, Mrs. R. B. Wright, Boise.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. A. Paddock, Weiser.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. D. Q. Travis, Pocatello.

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## MINUTES OF THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE Congregational Home Missionary Society convened for its Seventieth Annual Meeting in the First Church, New Haven, Conn., at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 2, 1896, with a Vice-President, the Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, of Massachusetts, in the chair.

The devotional services were led by the Rev. EDWARD L. SMITH, of Washington.

The Rev. DANIEL MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, preached the annual sermon from Acts ii, 17, "Thy sons and thy daughters shall prophesy."

The Rev. NEWMAN SMYTH, Pastor of the First Church, and the Rev. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, President of Yale University, presented salutations and welcomes; and the Vice-President made response.

After singing, the benediction was pronounced by the Vice-President, and at 9:30 the body adjourned till 9 A.M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 3.—At 9, the body spent half an hour in devotion, led by the Rev. CHARLES H. WILLIAMS, of Connecticut.

At 9:30 the Vice-President took the chair. After singing, the Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, of Connecticut, and JAMES T. BRINCKERHOFF, of New York, were appointed Assistant Recording Secretaries.

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tary ; the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, by the Rev. JOSHUA COIT, Secretary ; the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, by the Rev. ALFRED T. HILLMAN, Secretary.

At 10:30, the time was given to the fourteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Department, Mrs. HARRIET S. CASWELL, Secretary, presiding.

After singing, the Secretary presented a statement of the year's work.

Addresses were made by Mrs. HENRY W. HEINZELMAN, of Indiana, and Miss CAROLINE A. POTTER, of California.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. WASHINGTON CHOATE, of Connecticut ; Mrs. ELLA SHEPPARD MOORE, of Tennessee, sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot ;" and an address was made by Mrs. MARGARET E. SANGSTER, of New York.

Mrs. ISAAC P. POWELL, of Michigan, conducted a responsive exercise.

The Rev. DORA R. BARBER, of Oregon, made an address, and a collection amounting to \$212 was taken for her work.

Mrs. JOSEPH WARD, of South Dakota, led in prayer ; the benediction was pronounced by Mrs. BARBER, and at 12:15 a recess was taken till 2:30.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2:30, after singing, and prayer by the Rev. HENRY A. STIMSON, of New York, the roll was reported in part, and approved, and the Assistant Recording Secretaries were authorized to complete it. When completed it was as follows :

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Rev. Charles O. Day,  
Rev. Allen Hazen,  
Rev. Charles H. Merrill,  
Rev. John L. Merrill,  
Charles W. Osgood,  
Mrs. C. W. Osgood.

#### *Washington*

Rev. S. L. B. Penrose,  
Rev. Edward L. Smith.



The Report of the Executive Committee was presented and accepted.

The Rev. WILLIAM W. McLANE, of Connecticut, on behalf of the Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee, presented a report, which was accepted.

It was *voted* that the thanks of the Society be given to the Rev. DANIEL MERRIMAN, of Massachusetts, for his exceptionably valuable sermon, and that a copy of the same be requested for publication.

It was *voted* that the minutes, the sermon, and the report of the Executive Committee, including the papers of the Secretaries, be printed; and also other papers, addresses, and reports, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. WILLIAM E. PARK, of New York; the Rev. JAMES W. BIXLER, of Connecticut; WASHINGTON I. L. ADAMS, of New Jersey; the Rev. DAVID BEATON, of Illinois; and G. HENRY WHITCOMB, of Massachusetts, were appointed a committee to which shall be submitted the Report of the Executive Committee for 1897.

The Committee on Nominations made a report, which was accepted.

It was *voted* that the Executive Committee be instructed to present at the next annual meeting an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution, which will render members of the Executive Committee ineligible for reelection until one year after the close of their service; the amendment to take effect at that meeting.

The time from 3:45 to 4:30 was given to the Congregational Church Building Society.

Addresses were made by the Rev. LEVI H. COBB, of New York, Secretary, and the Rev. WALLACE NUTTING, of Rhode Island.

After singing, at 4:30, the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society was represented in addresses by the Rev. GEORGE M. BOYNTON, of Massachusetts, Secretary; the Rev. RALPH A. ROWLEY, of Oregon; and the Rev. WILLIAM SHAW, of Georgia.

At 5, the Rev. NATHAN H. WHITTLESEY, of Connecticut, spoke on Ministerial Relief.

At 5:15, addresses were made by the following representatives from the field: the Rev. HORACE SANDERSON, of Colorado; and the Rev. AMOS JUDSON BAILEY, of Washington.

After singing, and the benediction by the Rev. THOMAS W. JONES, of Pennsylvania, at 5:45 a recess was taken till 7:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—At 7:30, President OLIVER O. HOWARD, of Vermont, took the chair. After singing, and prayer by the Rev. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, of New York, the following officers were declared elected:

## PRESIDENT

MAJ.-GEN. OLIVER O. HOWARD, of Vermont.

## VICE-PRESIDENTS

JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, of Connecticut,  
 REV. JOHN K. MCLEAN, of California,  
 JEREMIAH H. MERRILL, of Iowa,  
 REV. EDWIN B. WEBB, of Massachusetts,  
 WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER, of Nebraska,  
 NELSON DINGLEY, JR., of Maine,  
 REV. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, of Illinois,  
 CORNELIUS D. WOOD, of New York,  
 REV. EDWARD D. EATON, of Wisconsin,  
 H. CLARK FORD, of Ohio.

## RECORDING SECRETARY

REV. WILLIAM H. HOLMAN, of Connecticut.

## AUDITOR

CALEB B. KNEVALS.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—TO SERVE FROM 1894 to 1897 (To fill Vacancy)

JOHN F. ANDERSON, JR., of New York.

## TO SERVE FROM 1896 to 1899

REV. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, D.D., of New York,  
 JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, of Rhode Island,  
 REV. THOMAS B. MCLEOD, D.D., of New York.  
 REV. ROBERT R. MEREDITH, D.D., of New York.  
 DAVID A. THOMPSON, of New York.

The time and place of the next annual meeting were referred to the Executive Committee.

After singing by Mrs. ELLA S. MOORE, the Rev. WASHINGTON CHOATE, of Connecticut, Secretary, read a paper entitled "The Seventieth Year."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Congregational Home Missionary Society, in its Annual Meeting in New Haven, notes with devout gratitude to God the generosity of churches and individuals in swelling the "GENERAL HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR," so that 835 shares of \$100 each have been paid into our treasury, in addition to usual contributions, and fifty more shares have been pledged, thus meeting an urgent need of our work in a critical time.

And that we now appeal to our churches and members, whose servant we are, to finish the work so splendidly begun, and pledge and pay as quickly as possible the 420 shares still needed to complete this noble memorial to our gallant Soldier-President.

Addresses interspersed with singing were made by the Rev. CORNELIUS H. PATTON, of Minnesota ; the Rev. WILLIAM H. WARREN, of Michigan ; and the Rev. ALBERT J. LYMAN, of New York.

After the doxology, the Rev. SAMUEL HARRIS, of Connecticut, pronounced the benediction, and at 10 the body adjourned till 9 A.M., Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 4.—At 9 the body spent half an hour in devotion, led by the Rev. GEORGE W. MOORE, of Tennessee.

At 9:30 the President took the chair and conducted a brief devotional service.

The minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday were approved, and the Recording Secretary was authorized to complete the minutes at the close of the day.

The Rev. JOSEPH B. CLARK, of New York, Secretary, read a paper entitled "A Look Backward."

Addresses were made by the Rev. EPHRAIM ADAMS, of the Andover-Iowa Band ; the Rev. RICHARD CORDLEY, of the Andover-Kansas Band ; the Rev. CHARLES W. SHELTON, of the Yale-Dakota Band ; the Rev. STEPHEN B. L. PENROSE, of the Yale-Washington Band, and the Rev. GEORGE B. STEVENS, of the Yale Divinity School.

At 11:45 the salutations of kindred societies were presented as follows : Of the American Board, by the Rev. CHARLES H. DANIELS, of Massachusetts, Secretary ; of the American Missionary Association, by the Rev. AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, of New York, Secretary.

After singing, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. CHARLES RAY PALMER, of Connecticut ; and at 12:30 a recess was taken till 2.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2, after singing, and prayer by the Rev. JUSTIN E. TWITCHELL, of Connecticut, the following were made a Committee on Nominations for next year : The Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, of Vermont ; the Rev. NEWMAN SMYTH, of Connecticut ; the Rev. LYMAN S. ROWLAND, of Massachusetts ; LUCIEN C. WARNER, of New York, and SAMUEL S. MARPLES, of New York.

Addresses were made by the following representatives from the field : The Rev. SAMUEL V. S. FISHER, of Minnesota ; the Rev. EDWARD D. CURTIS, of Indiana ; the Rev. JAMES K. HARRISON, of California ; the Rev. AMASA A. BROWN, of South Dakota, and the Rev. WINFIELD S. HAWKES, of Utah.

After singing, the Congregational Education Society was represented in addresses by the Rev. JOHN A. HAMILTON, of Massachusetts, Secretary, and the Rev. WILLIAM E. BARTON, of Massachusetts.

After singing, and the benediction by the Rev. DANIEL L. FURBER, of Massachusetts, at 4:30 a recess was taken till 7:30.

THURSDAY EVENING.—At 7:30 the devotional services were led by the Rev. JOHN D. KINGSBURY, of Massachusetts.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Congregational Home Missionary Society are hereby extended to the precentor who has so kindly led our services of song, and to the organist and choir of this church for valuable aid in worship ; to the Center Church of New Haven and its pastor for the invitation that brought us hither, for the generous use of their house of worship and chapel, and for their ceaseless attention to every want ; the ladies of the church for ample provision for social fellowship, and to the Congregational churches of the city for the abundant preparations made for the comfort of those attending this seventieth anniversary.

*Resolved*, Further, that we express our thanks to the officials of the railroads for their courtesy shown in the issue of certificates for the use of delegates, with reduction of rates of travel, thus adding largely to the success of the anniversary. Also, to the press of the city, for their faithful and accurate reports of the meetings.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Woman's Department of the Congregational Home Missionary Society are hereby heartily rendered to Mrs. T. H. SHELDON and those ladies associated with her, for the efficient aid given at the Woman's Meeting. Also, to the kind and gracious sexton of the church, whose anticipation of the needs of the meeting and quick response to every suggestion contributed so much to the pleasure of all.

The Rev. WILLIAM KINCAID, of New York, Secretary, read a paper entitled "A Look Forward."

After singing, addresses were made by the Rev. DAVID N. BEACH, of Minnesota ; the Rev. FRANKLIN S. FITCH, of New York ; the Rev. ALBERT H. CURRIER, of Ohio ; and the Rev. WILLIAM G. PUDDEFOOT, of Massachusetts.

President HOWARD led in prayer ; the hymn, "From age to age they gather," was sung ; the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. THEODORE T. MUNGER, of Connecticut ; and at 10 the meeting was dissolved.

WILLIAM H. HOLMAN,  
*Recording Secretary.*

WILLIAM H. MOORE,                    }  
JAMES T. BRINCKERHOFF, } *Assistant*  
  } *Recording Secretaries.*

The Executive Committee is constituted as follows :

TO SERVE FROM 1894 to 1897

GEORGE P. STOCKWELL, of New York.  
REV. JAMES G. ROBERTS, D.D., of New York.  
ASA A. SPEAR, of New York.  
REV. ROBERT J. KENT, D.D., of New York.  
JOHN F. ANDERSON, JR., of New York.



## TO SERVE FROM 1895 to 1898

GEORGE W. HEBARD, of New York.

WILLIAM IVES WASHBURN, of New York.

REV. CHARLES H. RICHARDS, D.D., of Pennsylvania.

REV. JOHN D. KINGSBURY, D.D., of Massachusetts.

JOHN H. PERRY, of Connecticut.

## TO SERVE FROM 1896 to 1899

REV. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, D.D., of New York.

JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, of Rhode Island.

REV. THOMAS B. MCLEOD, D.D., of New York.

REV. ROBERT R. MEREDITH, D.D., of New York.

DAVID A. THOMPSON, of New York.

The Committee met in the Bible House, New York, on Monday, June 8, 1896, and reëlected the Executive Officers who served through the previous year, and whose names will be found on the fourth page of the cover of The Home Missionary and of the Annual Report.

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SEVENTIETH REPORT

ONCE more the Executive Committee must begin its report with a record of Death's doings in the ranks of its co-workers in official oversight and in active operations upon the wide field.

AUSTIN ABBOTT, Esq., of New York City, Recording Secretary of the Society from 1864 to 1878, and one of its Vice-Presidents from 1878 until his decease, departed this life on the 19th of April, 1896. He was born in Boston, December 18, 1831, was graduated from the University of the City of New York in 1851, was admitted to the Bar in 1852, and soon became prominent for his legal learning. Few works have been more useful to the members of his profession than are his series of Digests of the Laws of New York, his Legal Forms, his Trial Evidence, Briefs for the Trial of Civil Issues, for the Trial of Civil Cases, and other volumes which rank high among the text-books of the profession throughout the land. The just issue of some of the most important legal trials in the country was due to his learning, skill, and well-known integrity.

He was one of the founders and active supporters of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, for more than twenty-five years a deacon in the Broadway Tabernacle Church, was Dean of the University Law School, and filled other positions of great influence for good. As Counselor of this Society for many years, he patiently devoted to the adjustment of not a few of its difficult cases of contested legacies and other matters involving legal questions, much precious time, the ripe fruit

of his ample learning, and the full power of his personal influence with high legal tribunals. For these and many other personal services, for the dignity, courtesy, and impartiality with which he from time to time presided over its annual and other important meetings, as well as for his long-continued practical interest in its work, this Society will hold the name of Austin Abbott in grateful and lasting remembrance.

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Of the workers in the vast field under the care of the Society and its Auxiliaries only four have been called within this year from their earthly labors to their heavenly reward.

Rev. William H. Evans died at Big Lake, Minn., on the 26th of January, 1896. He was of English birth, came to this country in his fifteenth year, served in the navy in the war of the Rebellion, came into the Congregational ministry in 1892, organized a church at one of his preaching points, and died in the service of his first and only parish. "Enthusiastic, consecrated, conscientious, faithful, genial, loving, and true," are the words by which his brethren describe him.

Rev. George C. Hall, since 1892 pastor of the Congregational Church of Nebraska City, Neb., died there on the 25th of March, 1896, after ten years of ministerial life. He preached in his pulpit, as usual, March 15, and ten days after ceased from his earthly labors. Those who knew him best describe him as an effective preacher, a faithful pastor, well beloved by Christian people, and worthily held in high esteem by the entire community.

Rev. Henry M. Voorhees died at Claremont, California, November 20, 1895. He was born July 4, 1840, in New Jersey, was graduated from Rutgers College and New Brunswick Seminary, served several Reformed churches in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, sought to recruit his health in Southern California in 1893, became pastor of the Congregational church of Escondido, and served it faithfully, constantly planning new pastoral and Sunday-school work, until laid aside a few weeks before his lamented death.

Rev. J. Benyon Williams, from Wales, took charge of the united churches of Coalville, Slaterville, Ogden, and Lynne, Utah, on the 1st of February, 1895. Ill-health both of himself and his helpful wife compelled them to leave the field in July following for Southern California. But the change of climate failed to bring the hoped-for relief. Both died within three months, leaving a precious memory. Mr. Williams was a preacher of unusual power, delivering his sermons without writing, after careful study of the Bible, and with an originality, vigor, and unction which caused them to abide in the memory and to permanently affect the lives of his hearers.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

THE number of missionary laborers in the service of the Society the last year, ending March 31, 1896, whose names are found in the General Table in the full Report, together with those engaged in superintending the work, is 2,063. (Deducting 25 reported in more than one State, 2,038.) Of these, 1,345 were in commission at the date of the last report, and 693 have since been appointed.

They have been employed in 44 States and Territories, as follows: In Maine, 116; New Hampshire, 54; Vermont, 73; Massachusetts, 141; Rhode Island, 12; Connecticut, 60; New York, 92; New Jersey, 10; Pennsylvania, 45; North Carolina, 2; Maryland, 4; West Virginia, 1; Louisiana, 8; Georgia, 23; Alabama, 35; Arkansas, 6; Florida, 38; Texas, 8; Indian Territory, 8; Oklahoma, 44; Tennessee, 2; Ohio, 47; Indiana, 30; Illinois, 154; Missouri, 54; Michigan, 88; Wisconsin, 84; Iowa, 91; Minnesota, 116; Kansas, 60; Nebraska, 101; North Dakota, 36; South Dakota, 95; Colorado, 55; Wyoming, 15; Montana, 10; New Mexico, 9; Utah, 11; Nevada, 1; Idaho, 8; Arizona, 3; California, 105; Oregon, 29; Washington, 79; in all, 2,063. Of these, 25, having labored in more than one State, are in this enumeration twice counted. The total number of individuals employed is 2,038.

This distribution, retaining the twice counted, gives, to the New England States, 456; Middle States, 151; Southern States, 109; South-western States, 120; on the Pacific Coast, 213; Western States and Territories, 1,014.

Of the whole number in commission, 1,125 have been pastors or stated supplies of single congregations; 645 have ministered to two or three congregations each; and 293 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The aggregate of missionary labor performed is 1,509 years.

The number of congregations and missionary districts which have been fully supplied, or where the Gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 4,110.

The number of those who have preached in foreign languages is 208: 54 to German congregations, 94 to Scandinavian congregations, 24 to Bohemian congregations, 4 to Polish congregations, 11 to French congregations, 1 to Mexican congregations, 2 to Italian congregations, 3 to Spanish congregations, 3 to congregations of Finns, 2 to congregations of Danes, 3 to congregations of Armenians, 1 to a congregation of Greeks, and 6 to congregations of Welsh.

The number of Sunday-school and Bible-class scholars is not far from 186,343. The organization of 241 new schools is reported, and the number under the special care of missionaries is 2,483.

One hundred and seventeen missionaries make mention of revivals of religion during the year, some of them reporting 154, 104, 100, 93, 92, 90, 88, 80, 70, 68, 60, and 57 hopeful conversions. In 287 instances the number of reported converts exceeds 10, and the number reported by 778 missionaries is 9,607.

The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 12,138, viz.: 8,153 on confession of faith, and 3,985 by letters from other churches.

One hundred and twenty-three churches have been organized in connection with the labors of the missionaries within the year, and 24 have assumed the entire support of their own gospel ordinances.

Ninety-six houses of worship have been completed, and 162 materially repaired or improved. Three chapels are reported as having been built within the year, and 69 parsonages have been provided. One hundred and twenty-six men, in connection with the missionary churches, are reported as in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry.

## THE TREASURY

THE Society began the year with a net debt of \$132,140.05. The receipts of the National Society during the year, from contributions, legacies, and other sources, were \$538,606.33, and the Auxiliaries raised and expended on their own fields \$239,141.62, making the total income for the year (including \$11,070.43 cash in hand for drafts payable on the first of the year) \$788,818.38.

The expenditures of the National Society for missionary labor and expenses during the year have been \$460,713.74, and the Auxiliaries have expended \$239,141.62 on their various fields, making the total expenditures for the work (including \$8,523.38 cash in hand for drafts payable at the end of the year) \$708,378.74.

The net debt of the Society at the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1896, is \$51,700.41.

The "Roll of Honor" plan, proposed by General Howard at the annual meeting of 1895, has met with general favor, more than two-thirds of the amount called for having been realized during the fiscal year. The shares are still being freely taken in such numbers as to encourage hope that the remaining portion of the debt will soon be canceled.

## COMPARATIVE RESULTS

THE number of commissions is more by 38 than that of the sixty-ninth year; the years of labor were 70 more; the number who have



preached in foreign languages, 208, has been decreased by 19; 6 more preaching stations have been statedly supplied. The additions to the aided churches were, by letter, 362 less, and on confession 540 less, than last year. The number of Sunday-schools under missionary care has been decreased by 21, with 5,530 more scholars reported.

## OUR WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

THE fourteenth year of this Department has been one of harder work and healthier growth in practical interest than was either of its predecessors. But a single State Union, that of Idaho, has been added to the list, nearly all the territory covered by the Society's operations having been already covered also by Woman's Unions.

Almost all the working weeks of the year have found the untiring secretary, Mrs. Caswell, busy in the field, leaving the office work in the care of Miss Anna A. Pickens, formerly with the Woman's Home Missionary Association (Boston). The time of the secretary was chiefly given to the "rallies" held in many of the larger towns of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Illinois, and Michigan, and to meetings with the woman's organizations of Indiana, Missouri, and other States of the Interior and the West, to counsel, quicken, and cheer therein the devoted women who are seeking newer and more effective ways of advancing the cause they have so warmly at heart. The chief outlay of time and strength in this line has naturally been given to the swelling of the General Howard Roll of Honor, for five hundred shares of which the Society was encouraged to look to the women of our churches. Four hundred and eighty-two shares are claimed to have been taken directly by the women of our State Unions or brought in through their efforts.

The Unions in this year of business prostration and general dejection have raised no less than \$104,507.96 for the six national Congregational societies. Of this sum \$58,091.31 came into our home missionary treasury—\$10,000 more than the generous offerings of the sixty-ninth year! In ten years the offerings of these woman's organizations have amounted to \$777,860.49, of which \$402,562.34 were paid into the treasury of the Congregational Home Missionary Society—showing what wonders may be wrought by consecrated women.

For a fuller statement of the work of the Woman's Department the reader is referred to Mrs. Caswell's annual report, which may be had, free of cost, by addressing her at the Bible House, New York City. For particulars as to its work in securing and distributing "missionary boxes," see paragraph on "Our Family Supplies," further on.

## OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

THE hearty devotion of the missionaries of this Society to the organizing, fostering, and elevating the character of Sunday-schools continues unabated—rather it increases year by year. No one understands more fully than does the Home Missionary how largely the permanent success of his work depends on the Christian care and training of the children and youth under his spiritual oversight. Everywhere our Sunday-schools are, in increasing numbers, becoming the seeds of churches, and of churches the intelligence and earnestness of whose members give assurance of perseverance and spiritual efficiency.

The missionaries report the organization of 241 new schools within the year. The number of schools now under their personal oversight is 2,483. The aggregate of scholars taught in the infant, intermediate, and Bible classes is 186,343—a gain of 5,500 over the number reported a year ago. Once more our missionaries are hearty in their thanks for the aid received from the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society in the way of libraries and other aids, without which the work could not be effectively carried on.

## OUR PUBLICATIONS

THE continued demands upon the treasury for missionary service in fields that but for the Society's aid must be without the preached Gospel, pastoral care, and Sunday-school instruction, have compelled a temporary stop in the issuing of new leaflets, helpful as these have been found in awakening interest and stimulating giving in our churches, Sunday-schools, and Woman's State and local Unions. It is the hope of the committee and officers, that with the revival of business and replenishing of the treasury, the list of these useful leaflets may be enlarged, and their wide distribution resumed.

Of Dr. Strong's "Our Country," and the late Superintendent Montgomery's work, "A Wind of the Holy Spirit from Sweden and Norway," copies are still at our disposal, at prices given in the catalogue of the Society's publications, Leaflet No. 70.

The Home Missionary began its sixty-ninth volume in May. Of the sixty-eighth volume the average monthly issue was 29,612. The need of money for work in the wide and ever-enlarging field, near the close of the year, led to the cutting down of the mail list to 25,000. This was mainly done by the dropping of names of life members of very long standing, from whom nothing had been heard for years, they having failed to comply

with the rule in such cases that, if a continuance of the magazine is desired, request to that effect be made annually. A postal-card request will renew its monthly visits to any desiring and entitled to the magazine, whose names may have been dropped, and a yearly renewal of the request will insure its continuance for life.

## OUR FAMILY SUPPLIES

DURING this year of continued pecuniary stringency the call has been loud and incessant for those precious "home missionary boxes" for which our active Women's Aid Societies have for many years been known throughout the land, and to the increase and enrichment of which our Woman's State Unions have so freely given themselves for these latest eleven years. And nobly have the "devout women" of our churches responded. Though they have cheerfully swelled by \$10,000 their money offerings (of \$58,091.31) to the treasury, they have not withheld this other form of personal help to the missionary families, nearly all of them restricted in the use of many things commonly regarded as necessary to decent family life, and some of them compelled to exercise painful self-denial, by the inability of their people to make good their pledges for their share of the missionary's support.

The number of barrels, trunks, and other packages forwarded, and of which notice has been sent to the Society, is 855. These have been sent by fifty-seven more working circles than took part in the supply in the previous year. The value set upon 798 of them by the donors is \$61,608.42. Valuing the remainder at the average rate of these, we have the generous sum of \$66,008.42. Besides these, there have been sent out, as usual, a large number of unreported offerings in money, books, clothing, and household supplies, of which the donors—often kindred or near friends of the recipients—prefer not to render definite account to the Society. For these, as for the acknowledged helps, all thanks.

The acknowledgment of these family supplies, since the annual account of them began to be kept, is \$2,218,811—a vast sum indeed, but how small when compared with the reflex good brought to the hearts of the givers, the comforts conferred on missionary homes, the spiritual profit ministered to thousands now in heaven! As long as Christian fellowship and sympathy hold their place in the hearts of God's people, and by their practical manifestation lighten the burdens and cheer the loneliness of workers on the far outposts of our home missionary fields—yea, as long as there is need of Home Missions, so long we know we may rely on this form of truly Christian helpfulness.

## AUXILIARIES AND MISSIONARY FIELDS

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

GALEN C. MOSES, ESQ., PRESIDENT; REV. DAVID P. HATCH, SECRETARY, BANGOR; JOHN L. CROSBY, ESQ., TREASURER, BANGOR. OFFICE IN BANGOR

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending February 28, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$9,031 22
From legacies.....	5,205 57
Income from invested funds.....	1,915 45
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	\$16,152 24

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Maine, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	3,102 96
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions ..	\$19,255 20
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$89 50
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28.....	\$17,187 47

The Secretary writes : During the year ending March 1, 1896, one hundred and twenty-three missionaries have been employed under the Society, including four ladies engaged in general missionary work, and one general missionary for Eastern Maine. Seventy-six of the number are regularly ordained ministers, while the others are licentiates and student workers engaged in summer service. Seven new churches have been organized and three church buildings completed.

Financially, the year has been a hard one, nearly all the pastors having had their appropriations reduced from twenty-five to fifty per cent. Yet in many cases the rule adopted by the trustees has been carried out which requires the aided church to make good to the pastor the deficiency in appropriation, or otherwise the entire grant shall be withheld. This has resulted in a considerable number of churches meeting the emergency readily, which indicates that larger grants have been made in some cases than was absolutely demanded. In the administration of the Society there has been a forced reduction of expenses, the office of Field Secretary, of two years' standing, having been abolished. The student workers during the summer were commissioned for eleven weeks only, as compared with fourteen in previous years. In spite of these limitations, the year has been marked by good spiritual results in many fields. Revivals in quite a number of the churches have been reported through the winter. The financial embarrassment through which the Society has been passing has brought home to many of the churches the true relation



which they sustain to it, and there have been called forth renewed expressions of loyalty to the Society in not a few instances.

Seven important points have been occupied during the year, and some of the newly organized churches mentioned already are situated at these strategic points. A few churches also have come to self-support, while others have approached more nearly to that point than before. On the whole, the missionary churches supplied with regular pastors are excellently manned, while the work done at those fields where occasional, or summer, preaching services are held is subject to the uncertain results attending such work. In very many cases most excellent work is done by the body of student preachers, quite enough to justify the expenditure of the appropriations for that purpose. The great question in the State is regarding the feeble churches in the sparsely settled and decaying regions. In most of these the student work is all that is possible, or at least apparently so ; while in one or two instances it has been proven that a consecrated pastor can occupy one of these seemingly hopeless fields with most gratifying results. The problems of the Maine Missionary Society are not all simple.

The office of Secretary has been vacated and filled during the year. Dr. Adams, who so faithfully and efficiently has occupied the place for nineteen years, owing to advancing years and uncertainty in health resigned his office in September, and his resignation was reluctantly accepted. His wide acquaintance with the field, and his untiring efforts in behalf of the small churches throughout the State, have made his place a difficult one to fill. His interest in the work will continue as long as he lives, and will be of value in many ways. This report, under the necessity of the case, is more general than a wider knowledge from personal visitation would render possible, had the new Secretary been able to enter largely into the field.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

HON. GEORGE A. RAMSDALL, PRESIDENT ; REV. ALFRED T. HILLMAN, SECRETARY ;  
HON. LYMAN D. STEVENS, TREASURER. OFFICE IN CONCORD

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending February 28, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$14,025 35
From legacies .....	2,150 00
Income from invested funds .....	3,671 15
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	\$19,846 50

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in New Hampshire, for the national work, within the year ending March 31 .....	<hr/>	15,744 98
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....		\$35,591 48

The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, from surplus and by request of donors, within the year ending March 31.....	\$3,525 86
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28.....	\$15,949 68

Secretary Hillman says : Fifty-six missionaries have been in commission the whole or a part of the year, supplying sixty-eight churches and thirty-five out-districts, and performing fifty years of labor. The average grant is \$169, and the average salary, not including rent of parsonage, \$600.

Six missionaries have been ordained and two installed. Two churches assumed self-support. The spiritual results are gratifying, the total number of additions to the churches being in excess of those reported in any single year since 1838, and exceeded but twice in the history of the Society. The work of our District Visitors has been maintained, with good results and increasing favor. The work of the National Society received special attention, a series of rallies being conducted through much of November and December, resulting in adding about \$5,000 to the General Howard Roll of Honor.

### VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

HON. HENRY FAIRBANKS, PH.D., PRESIDENT ; REV. CHARLES H. MERRILL, SECRETARY ; WM. C. TYLER, ESQ., TREASURER. OFFICE IN ST. JOHNSBURY

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending February 28, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$8,727 15
From legacies.....	1,784 46
Income from invested funds.....	1,190 18
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	\$11,701 79

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Vermont, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	11,845 96
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$23,547 75
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$1,654 88
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28.....	\$10,521 24

Secretary Merrill reports : The year has been marked by some notable ingatherings in fields long cultivated with little apparent result, and by church buildings and endowments. As we had occasion to remark a year ago, one evidence of the thoroughness and vitality of our work is that for several years no church has been dropped from our list, of now more than 200 Congregational organizations in the State.

In one field where the church had been waning for more than twenty years under constant and faithful ministrations, until its membership had been reduced to one man and a few women, a remarkable awakening has brought into the organization more than forty adults ; and the property, formerly owned and put in thorough repair by one individual not then or now a church member, has been deeded in trust to the Missionary Society. Another old church, not so far reduced in membership, but in a scattered farming community and with a smaller population, witnessed an ingathering nearly as large. Both these were in fields where there was no other Protestant service. Still another church in its large ingathering numbered many noteworthy cases of reformation.

The instrumentalities used in securing these results have been the same as in the past. Some of the pastors have been aided by evangelists independently secured. More have called in the assistance of our young women, whose work still commends itself to both pastors and churches. The desire in many fields to retain the services of these women permanently seems to be increasing, and in a few instances this has been met. As yet none have been ordained. The intent has been to emphasize personal work, a visitation and social services, rather than strictly evangelical meetings or pulpit address.

The churches have in some measure felt the financial depression of the time, and receipts have been affected accordingly. Considering all, there has been no occasion for fear or regret. The response to the appeal for the General Howard Fund last fall was prompt and liberal. Thus far it has not perceptibly decreased the regular contributions. With a hopefulness which comes from a live and growing work, there is the promise that Vermont will still continue to render a good account of her stewardship.

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

FRANKLIN CARTER, LL.D., PRESIDENT ; REV. JOSHUA COIT, SECRETARY ; REV. E. B. PALMER, TREASURER. OFFICE IN BOSTON

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 28, were.....	\$139,380 06
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Massachusetts, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.	72,020 78
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$211,400 84
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$94,012 09
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28.....	\$67,428 93

One hundred and thirty-eight stations have been occupied during the year by missionaries of this Society. Eleven general missionaries have been employed, and one hundred and twenty missionaries; in all, one hundred and thirty-six. Of the one hundred and thirty-eight stations eight were "double" and one hundred and twenty-two were "single." Of the one hundred and thirty-eight churches and missions occupied, sixty-seven may be called "permanent," thirty-five "new," twenty-nine "foreign," and seven are evangelistic enterprises. To the sixty-seven "permanents" the total grant was \$15,353; average grant, \$226. To the thirty-five "new" the total grant was \$12,375; average grant, \$365. To the twenty-nine "foreign" the total grant was \$14,745; average grant, \$508. To the seven "evangelistic" the total grant was \$7,510; average grant, \$1,073.

Says Secretary Coit: Of our foreign work, that among the Canadians easily takes the first rank, as indeed it should, in view of the fact that the French, now about one-twelfth of the population of the State, are still increasing among us. Yet, because of the near approach of the end of the \$100,000 set apart from the Swett legacy for foreign work in our State, we have diminished our working force among the French this year, as we did last year. Since there is no probability of our opening new fields at present, we have taken our general missionary from that work and put him in charge of the church in Lowell. The eight churches and two missions are all now well manned, and the results of the year have been good. In some places there has been a marked change in the attitude of the Romanist toward our ministers. A respect is shown to them which is as novel as it is agreeable. In one instance the priest has become so friendly to our minister as to ride through the streets with him, to the great surprise of the priest's people. In many ways the unnoticed but powerful influence of his environment in this free land is raising the Frenchman from Lower Canada to higher, broader views of life. He cannot much longer be held in hand by the Romish hierarchy. He begins to think and to act for himself. He wants to know why he should not read the Bible, and now and then he reads it, although forbidden by his priest. And, betimes, the experience of the Ethiopian Treasurer is repeated. The Spirit sends some one so to guide him that he understands. And when he understands, then good-bye to the Romish Church.

The influence of the French American College at Springfield is being more and more felt. It should be more generously supported by our churches and patriotic citizens. It is noticeable that Roman Catholic parents send their children to it with the certainty, almost, that they will become Protestants. Of the eighty students at the college, nearly one-third are from Roman Catholic families. The paper published at the



college is widely read by Romanists and exerts its powerful influence in the right direction. A change in the editorship of the French part of it this year has proved a decided advantage.

We are extending aid now to twelve churches and one mission among the Swedes, and to four Norwegian churches, and have two Missionaries among the Finns. We may well do what we can for this Scandinavian population. We receive to our land no better class of foreigners, no class that more readily assimilate and become true Americans. And for our religious work we get no better returns among any people. The atrocities in Turkey give special interest to the Armenians among us. Our general missionary for them, Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, has continued his work this year with good success. He has lately sent over \$30,000 to Turkey for the Armenians, who try in this way to help their suffering families. Besides providing a general missionary for the Armenians, we have aided in the support of four Armenians who preach to their countrymen here.

There has been no change in the Italian Mission. It is conducted, as from the beginning, by Mr. and Mrs. May, who have done much to spread not only the knowledge, but also the comfort and enlightenment, of the Gospel among the ten thousand Italians in this region. Mr. and Mrs. Vaites, in their labors abundant among the Greeks, commend themselves more and more to the churches. They report sixteen of their countrymen who, on confession of faith, have joined our churches this last year. We have taken on their full support.

Our two German pastors in Fitchburg and Clinton have been faithfully at work during the year. At Fitchburg the new church has been a great help in the work, and good gain has been made.

There is nothing new or strange to report as to the work among the old churches in the hill towns and on the Cape. It may be well, though, to call attention to the fact that in this year of hard times no class of people have suffered more than our farming population. It has been for them a year of small crops and low prices. This has made the support of the institutions of religion more burdensome than usual. Greater sacrifice is made, as a rule, in these churches than in our stronger churches. The payments for the support of the church bear a larger proportion to their total payments for the year. In view of this, it is pleasant to notice the effort made by many of them to increase their gifts to Home Missions this year. One church that has in it only three persons with an income over \$600 has just completed successfully an effort to raise \$100 for a share in the Howard Roll of Honor. Another sent a gift of \$25. This amount was made up in the following way: First, a collection was taken amounting to \$6.05; then \$6.00 from potatoes raised on the missionary lot; then \$4.75 earned by the young men for sawing four cords of hard,

dry wood ; then \$1.20 from the Woman's Working Association. The balance came from the returns of five-cent pieces. The pastor in reporting adds, "The Lord's blessing go with the gift." It surely will. There is little danger that such a church as that will be pauperized by a grant from the Home Missionary Society. Yet some good people are very much afraid that our grants are doing harm in that way.

The fund set apart for special evangelistic work in cities being nearly exhausted, we have extended the time of its usefulness by transferring three enterprises, the churches at Roslindale, Field's Corner, Dorchester (Central Church), and the Broadway Church in Fall River to our regular list. These churches, being well established, belong there. We have also diminished our grants to the enterprises remaining on the list. It is hoped that when, in the near future, this fund is gone, the work we have done through these churches will be provided for in some other way.

A more serious problem confronts us, which is, What shall be done about our foreign work, not alone in Massachusetts, but also that done by the National Society through the grant of \$18,000 a year from our foreign fund? This also is nearly exhausted. Either we must take from our remittances to New York for the regular work in the West, or the churches must increase their gifts.

That there has been no diminution in the interest in this State in the National work is apparent. Our regular gifts have been larger, and of the shares taken in the Howard Roll of Honor more than one-third have been taken in this State. We have sent from our treasury to New York some \$30,000 more than last year. The "rallies" that have been held in many places doubtless account for much of this addition. The density of the ignorance of many of our church members and of some of our pastors is marvelous. It is also humiliating. There seems to be no better way of dispelling it than by the testimony of the living voice. Printed matter is well, and has its important part to play in the enlightenment of the people. But by its very abundance in these our days it sometimes defeats its own end. There is nothing that can take the place of the burning words of one who himself has "been there," and reports what he has seen, done, and rejoiced in. Some careful ones deprecate the expense of our rallies. But in the long run there can be no question but that it is a wise expenditure of funds.

Massachusetts sends greeting to the National Society, in the hope and with the prayer that—the current expense of this year met and the old debt largely paid and in the way to be provided for—the Congregational Home Missionary Society may be able, in the coming year, to make the advance that has so long been needed in her grand work of evangelizing the new places in our boundless West.

## RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. ROWLAND HAZARD, PRESIDENT ; REV. ALEXANDER MCGREGOR, SECRETARY,  
PAWTUCKET ; JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, TREASURER. OFFICE IN PROVIDENCE

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending December 31, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$3,785 53
Income from invested funds.....	148 56

\$3,934 09

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Rhode Island, for the national work, within the year ending March 31..	3,916 33
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..... \$7,850 42

The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, by request of donors, in cash, within the year ending March 31, 1896....	\$300 00
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The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending December 31.....	\$4,622 99
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Secretary McGregor reports : The Society has during the year employed twelve missionaries for a shorter or longer period. In four of the stations a change in the *personnel* of the missionary took place, but in no case was there a break in the regular preaching services. In some of the fields there has been much encouragement, and whilst it would be matter of rejoicing had there been more visible success in others, nevertheless, on the whole, we cannot but feel there is ground for devout gratitude for that which has been accomplished.

Finally, the churches have generously responded to the appeals for help for local and national work. To Mr. Joseph William Rice, our esteemed treasurer, much credit is due for renewed interest in the prosperity of the treasury, through Life-memberships, General Howard Roll of Honor, and other methods of giving. On prudential grounds, the services of the State Missionary, employed for a number of years past, were dispensed with last October, materially reducing current expenses, so that now our local administration costs us less than \$100 per annum. A new station with a new small church building and a new pastor, Mr. Small, have all materialized in course of the year, at Wood River Junction, a religiously destitute community in the vicinity of Westerly. Whilst there is little scope for the romance of "the minute man on the frontier," in these older States, still there is little danger of the life of our missionary pastors becoming a humdrum one, as there yet remain demands enough for their persevering, faithful, and courageous work. And though not as large as Texas or California, our State is large enough to afford room for the best work of many more earnest souls thoroughly consecrated to the Master's service.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

REV. WILLIAM H. MOORE, SECRETARY; WARD W. JACOBS, ESQ., TREASURER.  
OFFICE IN HARTFORD

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending February 28, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$13,026 83
From legacies.....	10 92
Income from invested funds.....	160 00
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	\$13,197 75

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Connecticut, for the national work, within the year ending March 31...	86,215 87
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$99,413 62
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$2,715 89
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28.....	\$15,191 99

Secretary Moore writes : Of our 318 churches 213 made offerings in 1895 to this Society, 217 to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, 138 to both, and twenty-eight to neither. The contributions of the living, in money, to carry on the regular operations of the two Societies, were \$51,115.81, an advance over the year 1894. The entire amount received by both Societies, from Connecticut, makes an average of \$1.59 for each church member ; but this amount includes boxes which pay none of the expenses of either Society and also legacies. The contributions of the living, in money, to carry on the regular operations of the two Societies, average eighty-three cents for each church member, and of this sum twenty and a half per cent. was paid to this Society for its use in Connecticut, and seventy-nine and a half per cent. to the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Of the fifty-two churches to which grants were voted in 1895, one was served by an unlicensed layman, five by licentiates, three by ordained preachers not pastors, thirty-two by pastors, and eleven by installed pastors. In three cases one man served two churches. The average salary proposed to be paid by these churches by the aid received was \$666. These aided churches had, January 1, 1896, an average of \$3,161. In 1895 the additions to these churches were 338, while the removals by death or letter, or revision of rolls and discipline, were 242.

## FOREIGN WORK IN THE STATE

This work has been carried on during the year among the Danes, the Germans, the Italians, and the Swedes. It is among the latter nationality



that the largest volume of foreign work is done, labor among this people being carried on by nine men who, in addition to the care of the organized Scandinavian churches, gathered and addressed congregations in thirty-three places which had no Congregational church of their language. One of these Scandinavian churches will ask no further help. As fruits of this foreign work we have now eighteen churches, one German, two Danish, and fifteen Swedish, whose total membership, January 1, 1896, was 1,062. We spent on this department, in 1895, \$5,496.35.

### NEW YORK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, D.D., PRESIDENT; REV. ETHAN CURTIS, SYRACUSE, SECRETARY; WILLIAM SPALDING, ESQ., TREASURER

The cash receipts within the year have been \$70,015.61, including \$42,647.20 in legacies. Eighty-three missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with ninety-three churches and stations.

Eighty-one Sunday-schools report a membership of 10,350.

Secretary Curtis reports: The year has been one of faithful labor along regular lines. Every department of work has been well sustained. Great care has been taken to direct vacant churches to the best possible men, with the result that there are few vacancies at present in the State, and the pastors have been so efficient and faithful that encouraging reports come from nearly every field. As usual, the Lord has visited his people with revival influences; several churches have been greatly refreshed, and many have had some degree of quickening. Among those to be specially mentioned are Corning; Plymouth Church, Binghamton; Oriskany Falls, Carthage, and Norfolk. The work at Gasport, so favorably commented on last year, has continued to prosper under the same pastor, with conversions and additions. Several fields vacant for some time have been supplied by efficient men. Some were in almost a lapsed condition, and anxiety was entertained for their future.

The two general missionaries have done faithful work, as their reports show. Rev. Lemuel Jones has visited during the year thirty-one fields, sixteen of which were pastorless home missionary churches. To six of the fields second visits were made. He took charge of Pilgrim Chapel, Syracuse, for six weeks; South Avenue, in the same city, for eleven weeks; and Model City, on the Niagara River, four weeks. He made a six weeks' visitation to the churches in Essex Association, in which sixty-eight preaching and Bible-reading meetings were held. Conversions occurred in every church. Twenty-six new members were received into these churches at the next communion.

Rev. Frank Nilson, the Swedish general missionary, reports labors in thirty or more places, holding evangelistic and regular services. He believes that more than forty persons have been brought to Christ through his instrumentality. In carrying forward this work he has preached 295 sermons and has traveled 7,324 miles. He has built one church, working eighteen days with his own hands on the building.

The State has been favored with a brief home missionary rally, the speakers being Rev. H. D. Wiard and Mrs. H. S. Caswell. Some thirteen places were visited, and in nearly every case a hearty response was made. The stereopticon illustrations and the earnest addresses will surely continue to bring forth good fruit.

### NEW YORK CITY, BROOKLYN, AND VICINITY

REV. WM. T. STOKES, BROOKLYN, SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Stokes reports : Within the bounds of the six counties which comprise this department are sixty-eight churches, branch churches, and missions. Seventeen of these, or one-fourth of the whole, have been under the care of this Society during the past year. A comparison of their condition with that of the previous year shows a gratifying aggregate increase in the value of church property, in home expenditure, and in the amount given for benevolent objects. There has been a growth of eight per cent. in Sunday-school enrollment and of twelve per cent. in church membership—a very encouraging exhibit. This upward tendency applies to five-sixths of the churches which have been aided.

A tentative work among the Italians was undertaken for a short period in the summer, with interesting results.

Five churches have assumed self-support. The handsome new edifice of the Bushwick Avenue Church, Brooklyn, has been dedicated free of debt.

A new movement in Upper New York City has been undertaken and others are waiting. No more promising or needy field for the operations of this Society exists. Results can soon be seen. Human souls are congregating here rapidly and in vast numbers. The apportionment for this department was \$6,500.

### OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. HENRY M. LADD, D.D., PRESIDENT ; REV. JOHN G. FRASER, D.D., CLEVELAND, SECRETARY ; WILLIAM B. HOWLAND, NEW YORK CITY, TREASURER

Secretary Fraser says : There are limitations of the English tongue which make it difficult to tell at once accurately, forcibly, and kindly the story of Home Missions in Ohio, for the year just ended, from

the standpoint of the gifts from living sources. Two years ago the special committee said that "Ohio can never heartily respect herself until she makes and maintains a record of \$10,000 a year from ordinary sources, with normal increase from year to year." One year ago it was said, "The gifts here reported from the living are nearly \$1,000 behind the figures which caused and seemed to justify such words." And now, in this Centennial Year, the gifts of the living have fallen off \$500 more, and stand at \$7,803.81, the lowest point reached in ten years.

The expenditures for the year were \$11,877.39, an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$62.58, an increase of expenditures over last year of \$64.75, and about \$1,125 within the estimate approved by the apportionment convention of the National Society and its auxiliaries, of \$13,000 for Ohio. There was expended in the States of West Virginia and Pennsylvania \$292.50, and \$66.04 was received from those two States and Kentucky.

Of forty-one missionaries employed, nine represent the force of the Cleveland Bohemian Mission. Of the whole number, fifteen have been in service a full year, while four more have served eleven months. For various reasons there have been far more than usual changes and resignations of missionaries. Fifty different places have been reached regularly with the Gospel by these workers.

Thirty-eight churches report 2,822 members, in numbers ranging from nineteen to over 300, with sixteen under fifty, eight over 100, and two over 200. Twenty-three churches report 257 conversions, and thirty-one churches report 338 accessions on confession of faith.

The Society has attempted to follow the policy, rendered compulsory by its financial condition, of taking on no new work, but it has been practically compelled to take upon its list some names which did not appear last year.

For various reasons, the plan for union of work and organization with the Cincinnati Congregational Missionary Society failed, and the agreement was terminated, with the understanding that the Society would consider applications from that part of the State on the same basis as from elsewhere. The same thoroughly pleasant but informal relations subsist as in the past with the efficient Cleveland Congregational Missionary Society. In Chillicothe, Dayton, Mansfield, Springfield, and Toledo the work of the aided churches is prosperous.

This completes one hundred years of Congregational life and history in Ohio, and on July 1, 1896, the Ohio Home Missionary Society will enter upon its twenty-fifth year. The situation which confronts the Home Missionary Society, which means the denomination, is as grave as any it ever encountered. The work was never more urgent, more insistent, nor more hopeful.

## ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, D.D., PRESIDENT ; REV. JAMES TOMPKINS, D.D., SECRETARY ; AARON B. MEAD, ESQ., TREASURER. OFFICE IN CHICAGO

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 29, were .....	\$51,814 10
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	2,614 56
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$54,428 66
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$1,589 91
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29....	\$51,310 51

Says Secretary Tompkins : The missionary force employed has been as follows : one State Superintendent, two City Missionary Superintendents, five evangelists, 131 pastors, three Gospel singers and Bible readers, and twenty-two unclassified, who have performed temporary service without commission, and in some cases without compensation.

One hundred and seventeen churches have been aided in support of pastors, besides which forty-nine missions have been supplied with services; also ninety-two churches or communities have been aided by missionary evangelists.

MISSIONARY PASTORS.—In spiritual results the year has been as fruitful as the average. An unusually large number of pastors have conducted evangelistic services, either alone or with the aid of some brother pastor. Several churches have enjoyed marked “times of refreshing” in connection with such labors, and accessions to the membership of the churches have brought joy to the hearts of the laborers. In some cases a “Gospel singer” has aided the pastor in public services and in the personal work, which has proved very helpful.

An increased number of our pastors are reaching out in Christ-like manner in efforts to help “the regions round about.” In manufacturing villages and cities such methods as are termed “institutional” have been employed with gratifying results, and country districts have been visited, occasional services held, and Sunday-schools organized where heretofore the regions were destitute of religious influences.

MISSIONARY EVANGELISTS.—The evangelistic force has been much reduced by the policy of stringent retrenchment. But it should be said, to the honor of these laborers, that those who remained in the service have sought to prevent loss to the work by the most heroic exertions and great personal sacrifice. They have averaged over one service a day for each evangelist during the entire year, including all periods of rest and of



vacation. Several communities report the most remarkable religious awakening in their entire history. One church writes : “ For thirty years we have had nothing worthy of being called a revival when compared with that which the Lord has bestowed in connection with the labors of these faithful servants.” The year has been more fruitful in results than the previous one. This is especially true in the upbuilding of weak and discouraged churches and in bringing aided churches to self-support.

IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS.—Some progress has been made in bringing the Gospel of Christ to the “stranger within our gates.” Three Scandinavian and two German churches have been welcomed into fellowship. One of the latter has a membership of nearly 100, and is destined to exert a strong influence among the people of that nationality. A general missionary was employed near the close of the year. His energies will be mainly devoted to the German population of Chicago.

CITY AUXILIARIES.—The plan of organizing auxiliary societies in the larger cities, which this State has adopted, works very satisfactorily. It couples the Congregational principle of local responsibility and local control with the broad, but equally orthodox, Congregational idea of unity of action for the general good of the whole land. In the practical application of this principle the Chicago Auxiliary has relieved the State and National treasuries of paying upwards of \$5,000 for mission work in the metropolis of the Interior. But the new interest and new feeling of responsibility do not allow the work to suffer loss.

The Peoria Auxiliary has made as great progress relatively. It is caring for seven missions. One of these, having an organized Sunday-school and preaching services, is conducted in a Gospel boat called “Glad Tidings.” Hundreds of the neglected who live along the shore of Peoria Lake have been reached with the blessed Gospel proclaimed on board that humble boat, and Christ has again, through human lips, invited fishermen to follow him.

MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. WM. H. DAVIS, D.D., DETROIT, PRESIDENT ; REV. WM. H. WARREN, LANSING, STATE SUPERINTENDENT ; REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, LANSING, TREASURER

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending March 31, were.....		\$18,015 89
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Michigan, for the national work, within the year ending March 31....		681 06
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....		<hr/> \$18,696 95
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31.....		\$17,768 17

Says Secretary Warren : Ninety-three men have been employed in 124 churches during the year. Five churches have been organized during the year and three have disbanded. Four churches have assumed self-support, while a number of churches have temporarily dropped from the home missionary roll because our financial resources are insufficient to provide the needed aid. Five church buildings and four parsonages have been erected by home missionary churches.

In order to a clear understanding of the condition, necessities, and resources of Michigan in its home missionary work, several facts should be kept in mind. This has been and still is the leading State in its lumber interests, as the statistics of last year show. But throughout large sections the pine forests are now gone. No inconsiderable portion of the products of these forests have been taken out of the State and have enriched other portions of the country.

To-day Michigan is passing through a transition period between lumbering and agricultural interests. Once prosperous lumbering towns in the pine-growing districts have lost the thrift of former days and are now known as sawdust towns ; deserted mills and lumbermen's cabins with huge piles of sawdust are prominent features. Recently, while driving along the banks of one of our streams, an island of several acres was pointed out to me which was made exclusively from slabs and sawdust from two or three now deserted mills near by.

True, in the aggregate, there are large quantities of pine still in Michigan, though the amount is small as compared with the original supply. There are also immense tracts of hardwood timber which are still "the forest primeval." These hardwood sections of the State are the very best of farming lands. Settlers are rapidly occupying them. But these men are generally of very limited means, and it is a herculean task to clear such farms. They must be helped to plant and maintain the institutions of the Gospel.

Our western borders, within a few miles of Lake Michigan, from the extreme south to quite a distance north of the Grand Traverse region, is destined to be one of the most prosperous fruit-growing sections of our country. This is the famous peach belt. But after the sawmill has done its work it is a long and tedious process to remove the stumps and bring fruit-trees to a bearing condition.

The product of the copper mines in the extreme north in large measure controls the price of copper for the country. But these mines are largely owned in Boston, and the profits of them enrich grand old New England. Michigan profits by the amount expended in working the mines. True, this is a considerable sum, but small compared with that which goes East.

The southern portion of Michigan, which is the oldest and most pros-

erous, is hardly more than fifty years old. As Mr. Puddefoot indicates in his book, the tide of emigration swept westward after this region was settled, leaving the northern half, or two-thirds of the State, to be genuine frontier after whole States much farther west had been settled.

Vast tracts of "stump country" are as truly virgin soil as if the region had been just discovered. Potatoes, usually the first crop raised after clearing the forests, were so abundant last season that many acres of them were left unharvested, and thousands of bushels harvested, though of the best quality, could not be sold for more than eight or ten cents a bushel. Then in many places, for the last two years, droughts nearly destroyed the earlier crops, greatly limiting the resources of communities so visited.

These facts explain why Michigan has such a large frontier missionary work to-day. They also demonstrate the noble, self-denying heroism of her people, as those in our fellowship have been attempting to do all this work alone, for four years, without aid from the treasury of the National Society. They have thus saved more than ten thousand dollars of that Society's funds each year to be devoted to the work farther west. This has been done notwithstanding the fact already indicated that the resources of nearly all the churches, both self-sustaining and home missionary, have been greatly diminished.

But with all these untoward circumstances, Michigan is one of the grandest of our great sisterhood of commonwealths, both in her present achievements and in her prospects for the future. We have a noble company of heroic, self-denying men and women who are standing faithfully at their posts of duty, and who are doing a blessed work without flinching one iota. Accounts of thrilling interest and of a marked work of grace in many of these outlying districts reach us. The figures given above indicate a healthful and vigorous growth. It is a blessed fellowship to which the secretary is warmly welcomed by these faithful workers. It is a privilege to be permitted to be God's messenger of blessing, carrying, so far as possible, cheer and encouragement.

Notwithstanding that there are wide-open doors, no new work has been undertaken during the last year except in a few special cases. Most of these have been where the work could be yoked with that in other fields. A few of the less hopeful fields have of necessity been dropped. While the expense of the work has been largely reduced, from \$30,000 annually to less than \$20,000, the reduction has been made in such ways as to cripple the work as little as possible.

The general conviction is that, if we hold on and hold fast until these trying times are over, a larger and grander work than ever lies before us, and that, in the not distant future, Michigan can join with the older States of the East in sending men and money to the more distant West.

### WISCONSIN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. C. W. CAMP, PRESIDENT ; REV. HOMER W. CARTER, BELOIT, SECRETARY ; C. M. BLACKMAN, ESQ., WHITEWATER, TREASURER

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 28, were :

From churches, individuals, legacies, and income.....	\$22,646 42
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Wisconsin, for the national work, within the year ending March 31....	14,053 45
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$36,699 87

The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28... \$14,204 50

Forty missionaries have been in the employ of this Auxiliary in connection with sixty churches and twenty stations.

Secretary Carter writes : After years of struggle with debt, legacies have brought relief and the Society is free from all indebtedness, with an investment to meet, in some measure, future extras and emergencies. Before this relief came, in the way named, the officers of the Society, with the indorsement of the representatives assembled in annual meeting, had determined to pay all debts and incur no others for the current year, even at the sacrifice of the work. There is still that settled policy to make current receipts cover current expenses, and the churches are responding nobly in spite of the past straining, affording the hope that the special legacy of \$10,000, already invested for a series of years, will prove not a curse but a rich blessing. The policy of the Society is also settled and emphasized in the line of cultivating the State, district by district, for greater productiveness, both spiritually and financially. An additional district missionary, Rev. F. N. Dexter, has been secured and assigned to the Eastern District, while our Western missionary, Rev. R. L. Cheney, has been assigned to the Western District, for the furtherance of this policy. Our evangelistic and quartette work, with two tents a part of the summer, has been richly blessed as heretofore.

Freed from hampering debt, with settled plans of cultivating the State for greater productiveness, and with a hopeful response in current receipts from our constituency, our faces are set joyfully to a speedy relief of the Mother Society from the burden which she has generously borne for us in carrying for a series of years the expense and care of the northern half of our State, and at the same time sharing with her and her allies in building the highway of righteousness unto the uttermost parts of the earth, that the vivifying beams of the Sun of Righteousness may reach all hearts everywhere.



## IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, D.D., GRINNELL, SECRETARY; J. H. MERRILL, ESQ.,  
DES MOINES, TREASURER

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending  
February 28, were :

From churches, individuals, legacies, and income.....	\$17,763 97
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Iowa, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	991 88
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$18,755 85
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28....	\$17,806 67

Eighty-six missionaries were in the employ of this Society during the whole or a part of the year ending March 1, 1896. These missionaries supplied ninety-four churches and about sixty communities where there were no organized churches. The time of service performed by this missionary force amounted to a little over sixty-seven years.

Secretary Douglass reports : Financially the year was a hard one. The receipts were equal to the bills, but we cut down expenditures by more than \$2,000 as compared with the previous year, by cutting down the salaries of the missionaries and by reducing the missionary force and the volume of the work somewhat.

In some respects the work of the year was unusually prosperous. The congregations gathering from week to week on the missionary fields were unusually large ; revivals were numerous, and there were many and large gatherings. Fayette, Rev. J. E. Snowden, the missionary, on a single Sabbath received 117 to membership. The church will not again ask for aid.

It is now sixty years since the American Home Missionary Society began its work in Iowa, sending Rev. Cyrus L. Watson to labor at the Dubuque Mines, Michigan Territory, as this part of the world was then called. What marvelous changes there have been in these regions during these sixty years ! The wilderness has become a garden. The Indian wigwam has been transformed into a cabin, that into a cottage, and that, here and there, into a veritable mansion. The stage-coach has given place to the rushing railway train. The few hundreds of pioneers that were found in settlements along the Great River in 1836 have grown to a population of over two millions, established on farms, and in villages, towns, and cities, all over the State. Churchless, Godless communities, by the scores and hundreds here, have been transformed by the power of the Gospel and made great intellectual, moral, and spiritual forces in the

kingdom of God. In these intellectual, moral, and spiritual transformations the American Home Missionary Society has borne a conspicuous part. In the frontier fields especially, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" They were sent by the Home Missionary Society, those pioneer preachers, Asa Turner, Reuben Gaylord, Julius A. Reed, John C. Holbrook, the illustrious Iowa Band from Andover, and scores of others of like faith and consecration. By these and such as these, our Home Missionaries, more than by any other human agencies, have these deserts been made to bud and blossom as the rose. New England put about half a million of dollars into the foundation of our Congregational churches in Iowa. These churches now number 325, with 30,000 members, and nearly 40,000 children and youth in our Sunday-schools. The missionary contributions of these churches now amount to \$50,000 a year. This great moral and spiritual force in the kingdom of God cost only half a million of dollars, outside of the plant itself. Did New England ever make a better investment?

## PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND VIRGINIA

REV. T. W. JONES, D.D., PHILADELPHIA, PA., SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this district have been \$10,775.89.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Forty-four missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixty-six churches and stations. Two churches have been organized.

NEW JERSEY.—Ten missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, serving fifteen churches and stations.

MARYLAND.—Four missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with three churches. Four Sunday-schools report a membership of 600.

Superintendent Jones reports his separate fields as follows :

### PENNSYLVANIA

In the past year, the progress that might have been made was checked through inadequate means to take advantage of opportunities opening to us ; still the work, as a whole, has gone encouragingly forward, new church edifices, without endangering debts, being dedicated at Rochester, Plains, and Taylor, churches capacious and modern in structure—a credit to the denomination ; debts being paid, lessening financial burdens at Germantown (Fifth Avenue), Pittsburg, Rochester (Pilgrim Church), Plymouth,

ansford (Second), Coal Dale (Second), and others in smaller amounts ; and a number of churches blessed in renewal of spiritual strength, and increase of members. This great State, with a population of nearly or quite 6,000,000 at this time, and growing at the rate of a million a decade, and having a larger number of industrial centers than any State in the Union, is certainly a field into which Congregationalism has a right to enter, and in which it has a duty to perform—for a large population, representing from thirty to forty nationalities, cannot be given over wholly to other denominations, which, all combined, have not half the force necessary for the urgent spiritual needs of the unevangelized masses. The immense growth of this State, gaining 60,000 on the State of New York, by the last census, has never been fully appreciated as a great missionary field by our denomination.

#### NEW JERSEY

This State, so near to New York City, has a population entirely unlike Pennsylvania. Of the nearly 800,000 people from the Hudson River to the Orange Mountains, the vast majority are Irish and German. Hence there is not the same chance for planting Congregational churches in New Jersey as in Pennsylvania, which represents so many foreign people to whom Congregationalism is not a stranger. There are but few real Jerseyites in the Congregational churches of New Jersey. Their wealth and culture came to them from across the Hudson.

#### MARYLAND

Maryland is in a better condition Congregationally than ever before. Baltimore has added a Fourth Church, located on Locust Point, a populous industrial center. This church, formerly Independent Methodist, came over to us with unanimous consent of the members, bringing with them a house of worship with accommodation for 500 people, suitable for the location and population. The churches of Baltimore work together in perfect harmony and with helpfulness to each other. The church at Frostburgh, the only Congregational church in the State outside of Baltimore, is gaining in spiritual strength and numbers. This is one of the most isolated churches of our denomination in the United States. It is located about 2,000 feet above tide, and distant from Baltimore about 150 miles.

#### VIRGINIA

The cause in Virginia, through the faithful labors of Rev. Dr. Mason, of Herndon, and Rev. S. S. Jenkins, of Falls Church, is more than maintaining its own. Both of these churches, to relieve the Home Missionary Society, assumed self-support.

## WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia, which is an empire of hidden wealth coming to the surface as never before, is beginning to open rapidly to settlers. It is the peer of Pennsylvania in its mineral resources, which in the near future will cover the State, as Pennsylvania is covered, with industrial centers, new openings, and opportunities for Congregationalism.

## TENNESSEE AND NORTH CAROLINA

The contributions from this district have been \$181.61.

TENNESSEE.—Two missionaries have been employed within the year in connection with two churches. Two Sunday-schools report a membership of 146.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Two missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, serving three churches. Three Sunday-schools report a membership of 126.

Nothing has been done in this division of the field towards the occupation of new points, though many such giving promise of growth present themselves.

Knoxville, Tenn., is holding its own and a little more. Hard times have brought changes and have carried off families and members whose help has been greatly missed. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Frazee, has made for himself a large place in the esteem and love of the community outside of his own church. Few churches in Knoxville are better known than the Pilgrim Congregational, and none has warmer friends.

At Chattanooga there have been convulsions and changes which have weakened the enterprise that could ill afford to lose any of its strength. Matters have now settled down, and the future looks more promising.

At Tryon, North Carolina, Rev. Mr. Winter has steadily held the fort and developed the church beyond any previous result. Rev. R. R. Brookshier, our faithful general missionary since the work in North Carolina began, has been retired after a fruitful service, and with the respect and love of the Society. Some economy must be practiced, and it is less destructive to curtail general missionary service than to reduce local grants.

## FLORIDA

REV. S. F. GALE, JACKSONVILLE, SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this State within the year have been \$1,180.04. Thirty-seven missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part



of the year in connection with fifty-four churches and twenty-two stations. Forty-eight Sunday-schools report a membership of 2,094.

Says Superintendent Gale : The year has been full of courage and hope, and has abounded in fortitude and perseverance.

In March came the dedication of the beautiful house of worship in Tavares. In April the ordination and installation of the missionary pastor at St. Petersburg, Rev. F. D. Jackson, by council, furnished the unusual occasion for the month and was, indeed, a very happy incident in the church life of our people on the Gulf side. Far down the East side, at Palm Beach, the Royal Coinciana Chapel, a commodious and beautiful house of worship, was erected in the summer and has been fully furnished and occupied. And on the west side of Lake Worth, at West Palm Beach, the house has received a very considerable addition and has been fully furnished. The Panasoffkee church, in the very heart of the much damaged, even almost destroyed, orange belt, resolved to arise and build, and at the end of the year was gathering the material and beginning the work. In a word, in the very midst of the destruction which the great freeze early in 1895 had wrought, the record of the Society's year, if told in detail, would be seen to be one of large construction. Only two missionaries have gone from the work in this State, and they in obedience to the paramount call, not to escape the trials of the service here. Others have come into the field, either for a part or a whole of the year, so that the year's working force has been up to the average of recent years. The increase in our ministerial ranks, and the new churches added to our now goodly list, show that the ratio of growth for the recent years has been maintained. One of the best indications, one of the most precious things that signal this year, is the pervasive revival spirit that has been among the churches ; and very noticeably manifest was this spirit in all the seven Annual Conference meetings, which were in every case, more than ever, three or four or five days of holy convocation and most hearty fellowship.

In West Florida an association formed for the better care of licentiates and for advancing the attainments, particularly the literary and theological attainments, of the ministers has been put into effective operation. It is one of the many elements of promise for that section of the State.

The extension of the East Coast Railroad to far-off Biscayne Bay, to a point where the Miami River empties into the bay, a distance of 367 miles from Jacksonville, has greatly stimulated the settlement of the lower East coast, and promoted all the material interests of that region. New communities have sprung into being along the coast and the railroad, in several of which our missionary work has been opened with so good promise as to greatly hearten the missionary force in all the State. A cluster of churches is thus coming into being, which, with those on

Lake Worth at the north and that at Key West on the south and west, will very soon associate themselves in the Gulf Stream Conference ; that is, if the conference should take the name of the great "stream" that gives most character to that country. As to the disaster that last year overtook the orange industry and so brought a temporary blight to the whole State, and threatened a great freeze-back to many of our churches, it should be added that the calamity, in its terrible losses and suffering, has not been exaggerated, and a braver, more determined people, and self-reliant, has not in our country and this time been more clearly revealed by their misfortunes. In many ways the loss by disaster is being retrieved, business is reviving, confidence for the future is being recovered ; and in all, so far as the material basis of our church enterprises is concerned, they also are sharing in the revival of hope and in the general improvement. A year very dark in the outlook has become a bright one in retrospect.

### GEORGIA

REV. S. C. McDANIEL, ATLANTA, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this State have been \$332.07. Twenty-two missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirty-six churches and stations. Twenty-one Sunday-schools report a membership of 1,066.

Superintendent McDaniel says : We have gained in some directions, while in others we have barely held our own. Our gains have not been of such a marked or decided character as to be observable by one not familiar with the field. And yet they have been of a substantial character. Our people are becoming more familiar with Congregational usages and more interested in Congregational institutions. Contributions have increased materially and there is a decidedly better tone among the churches generally. We are still very far behind where we ought to be. Much yet remains to be done. The tangled hank has yet many knots and hitches before we can go smoothly along. And patience and perseverance, as well as prayer and faith, will be needed to push us over the bar.

I am able to report but one church which has come to self-support during the year, but I feel that during such a trying year even that much is cause for thankfulness. I am glad to say that there is a great interest in this direction among most of the churches now receiving aid. They are looking earnestly forward to the time when they will no longer lean upon the Congregational Home Missionary Society for aid, but when they can carry their own burdens and at the same time help just a little to lift some feebler sister on her feet financially. And amid their

embarrassments they are struggling manfully to be able to reach that point as early as possible.

Two new churches have been organized, one at Hoboken and the other at Dole's. Both give promise of increase and usefulness. Many other churches could have been organized, but it was not deemed best to enter fields where ultimate success seemed doubtful, especially while we have fully as many churches as we can at present well care for. Looking back upon the past, with profound gratitude, I feel bound to say, "Thus far the Lord hath led us on." Looking around me at the present, I realize that we have much for which to be thankful. And looking toward the future, I feel inspired to hope that there is a better day to come for us.

The consolidation of the Presbyterian Church at Demorest with our organization there, which occurred just before the close of the last year, in which we not only absorbed nearly all the membership but also their pastor, a worthy and excellent minister, has proved a blessing to that town as well as to us as a denomination.

We are in sore need of help to build meeting-houses for several of our congregations, but our people are struggling patiently and hopefully.

### ALABAMA

REV. S. E. BASSETT, FORT VALLEY, GA., SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from the State have been \$178.28. Thirty-four missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with eighty-six churches and stations. Five churches have been organized. Four houses of worship have been built. Sixty Sunday-schools report a membership of 2,280.

The superintendent remarks : Notwithstanding the stringency of the times in the rural districts where but little money circulates, this has been a successful year, considered from a spiritual standpoint. We feel much gratified that our Northern brethren are not unmindful of the importance and promise of home missionary work among the white people of this South land. The masses of our race here are quite poor and, in many instances, uneducated. This illiteracy obtains more among the young and rising generation than among those raised in *ante-bellum* days.

Generous measures should be taken for the education of such young men as feel called to preach the Gospel. I know of several at this time who are thus impressed, and are casting about in their minds what to do. Our Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Campbellite brethren are not slow to appropriate these young men, although they are Congregationalists at heart and would be towers of strength to us. Granting that the

Southern people made a mistake and did not act wisely in seceding from the Union, shall the children's teeth be put on edge because the fathers ate sour grapes? "As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel" (Ezek. xviii. 2, 3). Those that are suffering from the results of secession are those born in the last thirty years, especially those born in the last fifteen years, for times are much harder here than during the first fifteen years after the war. All the products of the farm have depreciated in value more than one-half, and the masses have no money even to clothe their children, much less to send them to school. This applies particularly to the agricultural class in the country. Travelers passing through this section on the cars are not competent to judge of these things unless they leave the railroad and travel through the rural districts privately.

### MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS

REV. A. K. WRAY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this missionary district within the year have been \$3,393.27.

The Superintendent reports: Thirty-six missionaries, including four teachers, have borne the commission of the Society, and thirty-four churches and stations have been supplied. It has been a year of good results. One hundred and ninety have been added to the dependent churches on confession of faith, and 109 have been received by letter. Two churches have declared self-support and two churches have been organized, both of which came into our fellowship by the front door, being properly recognized by council. Three new houses of worship have been built and two churches are building. We have raised nearly five hundred dollars more for Home Missions this year than last.

Rev. John Brereton was engaged for a few months as a general missionary in the Ozarks, and as a result of his labors we have the church at Grandin, organized last July and recognized by council in September. This is a vigorous plant in a needy field, and already takes rank with many of the older churches in South Missouri. It has built and paid for a splendid and well-equipped house of worship which will be dedicated in a short time. This is an illustration of what might be done in many places if we only had the money.

Rev. V. E. Loba, who has served the church at Noble faithfully for nearly five years, gave it up March 1, 1896. Rev. W. D. Stevens commenced work as pastor, April 1st. He arrived on the field just in time to perform the solemn service of laying to rest the body of Brother Loba who died on April 19th, surrounded by his people, for whom he had



labored and sacrificed and by whom he will be more sorely missed than they realize. A true missionary hero has fallen. A memorial chapel ought to be built to commemorate his loving, self-forgetful life, which he literally gave for the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness in that dark and isolated section of our State.

The work in both Rogers and Worcester academies has been well sustained during the year. Rogers will graduate the largest class in its history—over twenty. The finances in both institutions are in better shape than for some time, and each has demonstrated its ability to carry on the work at its usual high grade of efficiency with the contemplated reduction of aid from the Society. Rogers is in great need of a suitable chapel.

During the last few years a significant change has been taking place in the movements of the population west of the Mississippi River. Between the years 1870 and 1890 emigration poured at flood-tide into the States of Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas. Those who crossed our beautiful and fertile prairies full of hope to locate elsewhere have been struggling against unequal odds for a quarter-century. The soil has been unfruitful, the fierce, hot winds have burned their green fields and growing crops into cinders, and the windows of heaven have literally been closed. For the past five years the tide of emigration has been reflux. The prairie schooner is again a familiar sight. The occupants are for the most part as poor as they were when they took up their claims on the plains of Kansas or Nebraska. The Society followed them with the Gospel when they settled, twenty-five years ago. She has stood faithfully by them during all these weary, disheartening years. They and their children are now settling among us in ever-increasing numbers. They are in as great need of help, and as worthy of it, as they have ever been. The painful problem now is how to meet and satisfy these needs.

### SAINT LOUIS

The receipts of this auxiliary within the year ending February 29 were \$5,699.24. The auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, \$7,149.47 within the year ending February 29.

The Rev. A. L. Love, Superintendent of our St. Louis Auxiliary, reports as follows: Spiritually our work has been most successful, with over 160 hopefully converted, the majority over eighteen years of age, while additions on confession have been 123, and by letter fifty-seven. Work has been conducted in nine churches under our care, three of them having been blessed with revivals during the year, and these churches now have upwards of 850 members. Besides this, two outlying schools have been carried on by individual churches, and a new field, Valley Park,

has been entered by the Superintendent, where probably a church will soon be organized. Still another field of considerable promise in the county has been visited several times, and may develop into an important work.

In ministering to the poor we have done more than ever before, 2,500 garments having been distributed. As to buildings, two have been erected by the Superintendent: the Maplewood Church, an attractive and commodious house of worship, at an actual cost of \$5,200, although under ordinary methods of construction it would have been cheap at \$6,500, and a chapel erected at a cost of \$800 in Valley Park, a suburb eighteen miles from the city, though but three beyond the electric cars. This makes nine buildings erected by the Society in the last five years. All the real estate of these churches is held in fee simple by this Society, and now aggregates upwards of \$70,000, with encumbrance of \$24,400. This does not include property valued at \$15,000 which has already been transferred as a church becomes self-supporting.

St. Louis has added 162,000 to her population in the last four years, during which time we have not dared start a single new enterprise for lack of funds. Electric-car lines are reaching out in all directions with amazing rapidity, scattering the population and opening choice fields, a dozen of which ought at once to be occupied. We need not look further west for gospel destitution, since here we find people now thirty and forty years of age, children of New England parents, who have never heard a sermon. Congregationalists can do a work in Missouri possible to no other denomination. We are the feasible and happy common factor to a dozen denominations, frequently organizing churches with representatives of eight and sometimes of eleven and thirteen denominations.

## OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY

REV. J. H. PARKER, KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this missionary district have been \$437.33.

OKLAHOMA.—Forty-three missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with ninety-seven churches and stations. Seventy-nine Sunday-schools report a membership of 4,838.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Eight missionary laborers, including three teachers, have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year.

The Superintendent writes: Prominent among our discouragements is the financial one, though this cloud has a bright lining. There has not been any suffering of man or beast for lack of food. The winter, too,

has been mild, so that those persons who have only scanty clothing have not suffered as often as they would. Money has been very scarce, there has been but little to sell, and the salable articles have brought small returns. But little has been raised towards salaries or in benevolent contributions, largely on the above account. Another discouraging feature has been defection in some of our missionaries. Three have been under charges. One has been expelled. The other cases have not been acted upon. We are flooded in this new country with the unworthy class. In spite of vigilance and good credentials, we have been imposed upon. In a few cases it looks as though other States have been too ready to get rid of difficult subjects, to our discomfort.

A third difficulty is the slow process of unification in our church membership. The diverse elements do not fuse as readily as we could wish. Only time and the Holy Spirit will accomplish this much-desired result. Over against this darksome background are gain, and growth in grace. More blessed revivals have marked the year than ever before. The people have heard and heeded more readily the gospel call. While our gain in churches has not been as large as last year, we have gained proportionately more in membership. The dropped churches have been, in every case but one, yoked churches, where we were not needed. In the one case a rival town killed ours. "The Band," supported by our dear brother Pierce, has been a great blessing.

## TEXAS AND LOUISIANA

REV. LUTHER REES, PARIS, TEXAS, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this district have been \$259.64.

TEXAS.—Eight missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with six churches. Sixty-two additions to church membership and seventy-seven conversions have been reported. Four Sunday-schools report a membership of 543.

LOUISIANA.—Eight missionaries have been in commission within the year in connection with eleven churches and stations. Six Sunday-schools report a membership of 547.

Says Superintendent Rees: Referring to our work in Texas and Louisiana, I can only say, in the words of the Master, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. The conditions are about as they were last year. Notwithstanding many difficulties, the Lord has blessed the work of the Society. Nearly all, if not all, the churches have increased in membership. Ten revivals are reported, with 132 conversions.

Our work in Texas is suffering because so little is being done. We have six cities in this State, with populations ranging from 20,000 to 60,000, where we have no organizations. From the smallest of these a friend writes that he knows of between fifteen and twenty families ready to enter a Congregational church. In another I learn that we have between seventy-five and one hundred members. As time goes on, these become attached to other churches and are lost to us.

Our work in Louisiana has suffered from the depression in the rice market, but looks hopeful. Many of our churches are becoming interested in country work, going out into destitute places and organizing Sunday-schools, with occasional preaching services. Here we have an open field and one that must be occupied before our work becomes permanent. I am praying that we may be able to occupy some of these needy fields during the coming year.

### ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO

REV. E. H. ASHMUN, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this missionary district have been \$355.70. Eleven missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with fourteen churches and stations. Ten Sunday-schools report a membership of 672.

Superintendent Ashmun writes : The year's work has been characterized more especially by plans and efforts to get the churches in shape for more effective work than anything else, perhaps, though taken as a whole satisfactory results have been secured.

The Mexican work has been enlarged somewhat by the opening of a new school at San Mateo. This is entirely under the management of the Education Society, but I look after its interests as well as may be. The need of increase in this work is very pressing. We are losing every day that the work is compelled to go on without an increase in the working force. That is imperative. We need two more men for the places already entered, to say nothing of the open doors which we might enter at once if we had the money. What are American Christians thinking of, that they allow these thousands of American citizens whose votes are as potent as those of their American neighbors to go on without Christianizing or educating? For without Protestant schools and missions the most of them are without adequate educational opportunities and virtually without any religious instruction. I should mention in this connection the fact that Mexican work has been opened in Tempe by Rev. Stephen Edwards, who has other means of gaining a livelihood, and so is putting in what time he can spare in this work without remuneration, the Young



People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Tempe furnishing the necessary supplies. The beginning has just been made.

During the year covered by this report, the churches of this field, which were formerly united in one association, have separated themselves into two bodies, the Arizona Congregational Association and the New Mexico Congregational Association. This is greatly to the advantage of the churches, as owing to the great distances they were practically barred from getting together in one body.

## INDIANA

REV. E. D. CURTIS, D.D., INDIANAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this State within the year were \$1,769.76.

Superintendent Curtis reports : Twenty-nine missionaries have been employed a whole or part of the year, supplying thirty-four churches and seven out-stations, and performing over twenty-two years of labor. Thirty-seven Sunday-schools report an aggregate membership of 3,485. Two churches were organized and four additional centers of work formed.

The year has been one of unusual activity in church erection, about one-fifth of our total number of churches having been engaged in the work of building or general repairs.

## SELF-SUPPORT

It is gratifying to note the prosperity which has attended Plymouth Church, Fort Wayne, during the five years, ending June 17, 1895, in which it has been aided. Commencing with less than 100 members, and with only a small frame church standing upon a leased lot in the western part of the city, the church, after five years, assumed self-support, having meantime secured a central property costing some \$30,000, largely paid for, and now with 400 members, and one of the best equipments for Christian service in the city, is going forward to win new conquests for the Master. Already it has become the mother of a new and vigorous offshoot, the South Church, which has a fine field, a convenient edifice, and over which Rev. Ezra E. Frame was installed, October 1st, as missionary pastor.

## REVIVALS OF RELIGION

Because of the lack of necessary funds the Society has not assumed the support of an evangelist. The churches have held protracted services, and the pastors have generally helped each other during special seasons of religious interest. The Jamestown church, which has occupied in much feebleness a peculiarly hard and sterile field, was visited during the winter with a powerful revival. The reformation extended to many families

heretofore opposed to the Gospel, and inaugurated an era of faithful Bible study, with profound reverence for its teachings and spirit. Forty-one were added to the church, more than doubling its membership. The revival extended to other churches in the vicinity, and under the faithful preaching of the pastor, Rev. Claude E. Grove, one of the young men of the Jamestown church gave himself to the gospel ministry, for which he is now preparing. The churches at Fort Wayne were blest by union services held under Dr. Chapman, Plymouth Church adding 109 to her membership during the year, mostly on confession. Many churches have received considerable accessions in their regular work, admissions taking place at nearly every regular communion season.

### KANSAS

REV. L. P. BROAD, TOPEKA, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this State within the year were \$4,183.79; legacies, \$500. Fifty-nine missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with 115 churches and stations (eighty-five churches and thirty stations). Eighty-seven Sunday-schools connected with these missionary fields have a total membership of 6,516.

Superintendent Broad writes: The condition of the missionary churches is almost uniformly hopeful. They are growing in spiritual life, stability, and self-reliance. Hard times have increased rather than diminished their zeal. They have never been, as a whole, so really churches instead of mere aggregations of Christian people. In proportion to their means they have never, in my judgment, paid so much, or more willingly. They are patient and active when left without pastors, and adapt themselves to trying conditions in a most creditable way. Two-thirds of them have held special revival services during the year, and in only a few instances did our ever busy State evangelist render help.

They have evangelistic pastors who lead their own revival efforts and help each other. Very few of the missionary churches are in debt, except as by agreement to the ever-generous Building Society. The few that owe small floating debts are paying them, and are planning henceforth to keep wholly free. Indeed, as a denomination, we compare favorably with all other denominations in the State as to freedom from debt. Our churches would rather do without a pastor, or even church building, than incur a debt which they have not the means in sight to pay. Too much credit cannot be given to our noble band of intelligent, devoted, and progressive missionary pastors, who have suffered reduction of salaries and extension of their fields, and who with great wisdom and energy have labored to develop their churches in all departments of modern Christian

endeavor. And this commendation should include pastors of churches only recently taken from the missionary list, who have resolutely refused to allow their churches to apply for missionary aid for their salaries, sharing the people's burdens in maintaining self-support. Churches, too, long self-supporting, but brought suddenly and calamitously into missionary conditions, again deserve honorable mention for resolutely declining to ask home missionary aid ; or else for taking the least possible amount temporarily. As a general fact when churches, missionary and self-supporting, have become weakened through the recent financial stress, they have not sought relief by seeking to get more home missionary money, but by doing without what they formerly thought they must have—such as the full service of a pastor, or even a pastor at all. The self-supporting principle is popular ; exceedingly few churches ask for more aid than that estimated in the yearly schedule, and, in a larger degree, even, than I have heretofore observed, missionary aid is taken with regret that it is needed, and with marked gratitude to the Home Missionary Society.

The spirit of evangelizing neighborhoods contiguous to missionary, as well as self-supporting, churches, is growing.

#### PASTORLESS CHURCHES

There are some, but only a few of them feel able to pay a salary. Some churches have delayed getting a pastor for a year or more for want of sufficient funds, but are now awakening to the necessity of having one. Among these are some old self-supporting churches, whose financial weakness has caused anxiety, and numerous visits to prevent them from getting discouraged, and perhaps requesting home missionary aid once more. As a whole, the missionary churches that can do their part towards supporting one are quite well supplied with pastors to-day.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We have used the best means that seem to be at hand to increase knowledge of Home Missions, and benevolence for the Society. We fear that we shall fall below our estimate, but I have never found a more willing response by the churches where the cause and needs of the Home Missionary Society have been presented than during this year, and know that many have given with sacrifice and real devotion.

#### NEBRASKA

REV. HARMON BROSS, LINCOLN, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this State have been \$2,657.45.

The Superintendent reports : There have been employed by the

Society within the State during the year ending March 1st eighty-one different workers. A few of these have served for a short time only, but for the most part they have occupied their fields for the full year. These missionaries have supplied 128 churches and preached with more or less regularity at fifty out-stations.

The year has been one of severe retrenchment in every direction. No effort has been made to provide a general missionary for southwestern Nebraska since Rev. George E. Taylor left the work to accept the financial agency of Doane College. We have been able to retain our general missionary for Northern Nebraska only by having him supply some churches statedly, and using toward his support the amounts originally estimated for these churches. In the same way we have kept our State evangelist, Rev. C. S. Billings, by making combinations with the self-supporting churches, and raising part of his salary in that way. Severe cuts have been made with some churches, and in other cases several churches have been combined in a single field.

But with all these limitations the year has been one of great progress. The sacrifices and self-denial on the part of the ministers and people have brought all nearer together, and nearer to the great Source of all strength. It has been a year of revival interest and of ingathering both in our home missionary fields and our self-supporting churches.

We have been emphasizing in Nebraska for the last few years the work of rural evangelization. The tendency has been for all churches and ministers to gather in the villages and leave the country neighborhoods without gospel privileges. But the history of all Christian work, especially among our Congregational churches, shows the importance of cultivating these country neighborhoods. In these the Gospel has a ready hearing, and from these very largely must be recruited our churches in towns and cities, and the ranks of our ministry. As we have neither the men nor the money to take care of a large number of churches in these country places we are establishing out-stations in connection with central churches, and in this way are trying to do our part in this work of rural evangelization. Those who are converted in these places unite with the central church for the most part, but maintain their own neighborhood work. Some of these country neighborhoods have been almost revolutionized this winter by meetings of religious interest. Many young people have been converted, and gathered into Endeavor Societies, and Sunday-school work has been greatly strengthened, especially along spiritual lines.

With the exception of two or three practically extinct, all of our churches have been supplied with more or less regularity during the year. While there have been more changes within the State than we like to see, very few of our pastors have gone beyond our bounds. They have preferred to remain with their people on reduced salaries and with added



labors rather than to leave their flocks unshepherded. One brother whose salary has been \$700 heretofore, offered to reduce it to \$550 if his people would come to self-support, and they met him on his own proposition. Another brother is living on \$400 rather than to ask aid of the Society, and there has been a cutting down of salaries all along the line. We are earnestly hoping that with the close of this home missionary year the debt may be paid, so that there may be enlargement and progress.

Since this report was commenced, one of our faithful home missionary pastors, Rev. Geo. C. Hall, of Nebraska City, has passed away from his work to the crown beyond. He fell with his armor on. He was in his pulpit March 15th, and on Wednesday, March 25th, in the early morning, his spirit took its flight. He was an effective preacher, a faithful pastor, a man well beloved by his church and much esteemed in the community. Mention should be made here also of the death of Rev. W. P. Bennett, pastor of our church at Crete for nearly twelve years. He had been for several years chairman of our home missionary committee for the Blue Valley Association, and was prominent in the educational work of the State; and while the Crete church had reached self-support some years before he came to the pastorate, he made his influence felt among our home missionary churches in that region.

### NORTH WISCONSIN

REV. T. G. GRASSIE, ASHLAND, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions received from this district have been \$817.95.

Superintendent Grassie says: During the year we have employed thirty-five different missionaries, who have labored in twenty-nine churches and twenty-seven other stations—fifty-six stations in all. Three new churches have been organized. Every church and mission station on our list is now, and for most of the year has been, supplied with a minister, and is in active living and running order.

It has been a debt-paying year. Hard times have driven us to the necessity of getting rid of financial encumbrances, so that at this hour there is not in the district a missionary church but is free from debt. Our churches have for the most part done very nobly in the way of self-support.

Nearly all the churches in the district—namely, twenty-nine out of thirty-seven—are so weak as to need home missionary help and supervision. Before these churches come to self-support the most of them have to go through a trying experience while the towns are changing, as they all have to, from lumbering to more permanent industries. During these crises, when one industry is gone and another not yet developed,

it requires more money and care to sustain a church than to start it at first.

Yet it is of urgent importance to stand by these churches in their years of crises, for in a few years these communities will be populous and wealthy. Sound economy of means, as well as loyalty to the cause of Christ, demands that, even at increased cost if need be, we maintain such churches through their time of transition. We must persist in shaping the character of the communities to righteousness, for if we do not they will inevitably take their firm and permanent set in unrighteousness.

### MINNESOTA

REV. J. H. MORLEY, MINNEAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this State have been \$5,843.75. One hundred and fourteen missionaries have supplied 130 churches and 67 stations; caring also for 250 Sunday-schools, with an aggregate membership of 14,335. These churches have received 774 members, of whom 464 came by confession. Six churches have been organized; six have been brought to self-support; six meeting-houses and three parsonages have been built, and thirty-one Sunday-schools organized.

Superintendent Morley writes: The financial stringency, which affects Minnesota far more severely than States further East or South, has been the discouraging feature of our work, reducing contributions, making the manning of our churches with efficient pastors a serious problem, and making the opening of new work as difficult as it is imperative.

The method by which many of our churches and ministers have adjusted themselves to their environments deserves commendation. Two yoked churches came to self-support through the self-sacrifice of the pastor and his wife, who received a small salary for the sake of relieving the Society; a reduction, however, which the church will not allow to continue. Another, through the ministry of an efficient man who took a smaller field than he deserved, was lifted to assured self-support; was enabled to reach the surrounding community; was blessed with a revival which doubled its membership; made substantial improvements upon its property, and has something more than a name to live.

Revivals, some of them of much power, have strengthened our churches. Our pastors have the power so to preach the Gospel as to convert men to Jesus Christ. Four communities along the line of one of our railways, all of them foreign, with a sprinkling of Americans, none of them supplied with an American church, none of them having an adequate conception of spiritual religion, have felt the touch of the Maker through our missionary, and two of them have been blessed with revivals.

New work has been somewhat neglected. As we look at a dozen Sunday-schools which ought to be organized into churches, and which we must neglect ; as we see the Red Lake Reservation shortly to be thrown open for settlement ; as we survey the Iron Region of the Northwest, where new towns call for work, and the saloon enters but the church halts ; as we behold the possibilities of Northern Minnesota now opening, and calling for men and money, as other sections of the country have opened, and called for men and money, and have not called in vain ; and reflect that we have not a dollar for any of this work, except as we save by scrimping our old work, we feel appalled at the greatness of the opportunity and the slender resources with which we must meet it.

Along all lines, except those of contributions to benevolence, our Minnesota churches have made marked advance. We expect even here soon to make advance and slowly approach our old standard. But in the years of financial depression there has been a solidifying of our work, a liquidating of indebtedness, a growing appreciation of the truth that man does not live by bread alone, but by the Word of God, the results of which will appear. We can wait until they do appear.

### NORTH DAKOTA

REV. H. C. SIMMONS, FARGO, SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this State have been \$2,871.02. Thirty-five missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with eighty-seven churches and stations. Four churches have been organized, and sixty-six Sunday-schools report a membership of 2,499.

In his annual report, Superintendent Simmons says: North Dakota is able to report a year of excellent work carried on amid difficulties and discouragements to some extent, and yet a work that is full of encouragement so far as spiritual results are concerned.

Never in the history of our work has the condition of our churches been better, with the exception of the financial distress caused by the continued hard times. The pastors are an excellent and devoted band of ministers, all of them doing cheerfully and with earnestness the work to which they have been called. Never has there been greater unity as a whole among our churches. In some cases there have been large additions. The church at Cooperstown has, under its new pastor, Mr. Shaw, more than doubled its membership, and the work is in a very prosperous condition.

The employment of Rev. W. H. Gimblett as evangelist has proved to be a very wise movement. The meetings that he has conducted have in

every case produced excellent results, the work at Forman being one of the most far-reaching in the State. Revival meetings have also been carried on by the pastors with great success.

The German work in the State is prospering and growing. A large field is here open for home missionary work. Thousands of Dunkards have also come into the State. While they are not of "our way," they are a great addition to the sturdy, religious element in the State.

Our Scandinavian work, too, has prospered. All that is needed now is that more missionaries should be provided, to make this a very important work in the near future. We find, too, that not only by this special work in their own languages are we reaching the foreign population, but in some of our churches there is a large attendance of the children of these people upon our Sunday-schools. Their young people are growing up in connection with our churches.

The outlook in North Dakota for the future is excellent; the energy and thrift of the people, the great agricultural resources of the State, its fine climate, all go to make it one of the most hopeful fields for missionary work in the country. The character of the agricultural people is different from that of the mining State, where population is less stable. They are an earnest, law-abiding people, having a fixed and determined purpose in life, which makes them a sure precursor of great advantages to the State and the Nation. There is a hopeful feeling among the people for the future; and when the long-continued depression shall have passed, we may look for a large advance, not only in material things in North Dakota, but also, we trust, in its spiritual development and its far-reaching influence upon the life of the nation.

Home missionary work never will produce larger results than in North Dakota; and while the strain may seem to be large upon the resources of the Society, yet the investment is one that must be made now, and, being made, will bring large interest in the future. It is surprising that with so small an expenditure in these home missionary fields such large results have been obtained.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

REV. W. H. THRALL, HURON, SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this State have been \$1,815.43. Ninety-four missionaries, including the foreign workers, have labored for the whole or a part of the year. They have supplied one hundred and thirty-one churches and thirty-five out-stations. Five churches have been organized, and one hundred and forty Sunday-schools report a membership of 7,772.

Says Superintendent Thrall: The rains came to us with a promise of



large harvests, until July 4, but a rainless interim of twelve days blighted the green fields of grain in some parts of our State. The subsoil was so dry that a few days told sadly and rapidly on the growing crops. So that while parts of our State were abundantly blessed with unusual harvests, other parts were destitute. Some churches have lost some of their best supporters who have gone in search of "greener pastures." Some of these wanderers have already returned, wiser though poorer. Some bring the word from older fields, "You don't know anything about hard times in South Dakota."

By sharing each other's burdens most of the old work of the Home Missionary Society has been kept alive notwithstanding the "cut-down." This has often been done at a great sacrifice—so great that often I have not had the heart to urge the workers to remain. Some few, very few, have felt obliged to leave. I know of but two who gave up their fields on account of the cut-down in salaries, and their places have been filled. If friends in the East could have the experience of a home missionary superintendent in such times as these they would have abundant reasons to know that Christian heroes are as ready to-day to sacrifice to save America as when our Pilgrim Fathers first came to Massachusetts.

Notwithstanding the year's trials, Garretson has dedicated a church building costing \$2,500, free from debt. Vilas has purchased a church building. Gettysburg has finished the edifice, nearly completed one year ago. Carthage has secured the building at Esmond, and is now moving it to Carthage, where it is much needed. Valuable repairs or improvements have been made on church buildings at Milbank, Ft. Pierre, Aberdeen, Lebanon, Howard, South Shore, Willow Lakes. Tyndall has broken ground for a new building. Beresford has completed a parsonage. Frankfort has lifted an indebtedness on the parsonage. Mission Hill has paid the last of a Congregational Building Society loan. Aberdeen has secured a site for a building.

Plankinton has lost as seriously as any point in South Dakota from removals—perhaps one-third of the membership—but they have paid \$100 toward a Church Building Society debt.

Christian Endeavor Societies are multiplying in our State and many of them are doing practical work. Hudson and Chamberlain Societies are sustaining free reading-rooms. The Chamberlain Society has sustained outside mission services, through volunteer mission bands, two such going out every Sunday afternoon and paying their own livery bills. The pastor of that church has, besides preaching twice every Sunday in his own pulpit, where he is the only pastor in the city, attended and helped usually in the other church services and held afternoon services in some outlying villages, east, west, and south, and he has held mid-week services

at a point fifteen miles west. No other American minister is within twenty miles radius. Mr. Fisk is still supplying six churches, the two extreme church appointments being over fifty miles apart.

It is worthy of note that many of our home missionary pastors report young men in their churches preparing for the Christian ministry—*e.g.*, Armour, Centerville, Garretson, and Plankinton, one each ; Burnside and Howard, two each ; Aberdeen, three ; Redfield, twenty. Revivals have been reported by thirty-six of our home missionary churches, with four hundred and thirty-seven reported conversions. One of the most serious losses which could come to our work has finally been yielded to by our State Home Missionary Board in the giving up of our lady evangelist, Miss Emma K. Henry, who will have labored for our churches incessantly for three years at the expiration of her present commission, and General Missionary Tomlin, who left a pastorate in our State to accept this position nine years ago next autumn. Both of these have done very important work for our weak as well as for our stronger churches. By economy and sacrifice we have succeeded in retaining their services until now, but the new "retrenchment" finally made it seem to our Board inevitable to give them up. Our pastors could not sacrifice any further, and our churches, as a rule, are doing all that is possible. Churches have been yoked wherever possible.

Some reports show silver linings to the clouds, by increased membership: *e.g.*, Academy, 31, Beresford and Pioneer, 24, Bowdle, 14, Canova, 11, Carthage, 26, Centerville, 15, Chamberlain, 15, Myron, 16, De Smet, 41, Elk Point, 14, Erwin, 11, Howard, 13, Iroquois, 18, Pierre, 39, Redfield, 17, Webster, 17, Willow Lakes 48.

Notwithstanding difficulties and hard times there are several scores of God's noblemen and their wives who are again facing an unwritten future, determined to act the part of men and women, and to work as your missionaries to help take South Dakota for Christ, that that unwritten future shall be written somewhat in the blood of Christ and by his life.

## WYOMING AND BLACK HILLS (SOUTH DAKOTA)

REV. A. A. BROWN, HOT SPRINGS, SO. DAK., SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this district have been \$376.08. Twenty-six missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirty-one churches and stations. Three churches have been organized. Twenty-nine Sunday-schools report a membership of 1,652.

Superintendent Brown reports : My territory is very large, necessitat-

ing much travel, and making it difficult to keep in touch with the missionaries and their fields except by correspondence. I have traveled nearly 12,000 miles and have written over 1,200 letters during the year, and have delivered about 150 sermons and addresses. I have been from home over three-fourths of my time, and yet have not been able to meet the expectations of the missionaries and churches. It is not unfrequently that I receive letters, in the same mail, chiding me for not being at home more, and urging me to come to a distant point in the district at once.

Wyoming is having quite a mining excitement just now. Gold has been discovered in almost all of its mountain ranges and spurs within the last two years, and development work is being done at many points. Many experienced prospectors and miners claim the promise to be equal to any other contiguous field. Should this prove true, Laramie, Lander, Sheridan, Douglas, and Wheatland may be counted in the boom, while many other towns will doubtless spring up near the operating camps. This will give Wyoming an importance more than equal to Colorado.

It is not prophecy to say that Wyoming will cease to be known as the great cattle and sheep State within the next five years ; not that there will be fewer cattle and sheep, but because her mining interests will overshadow these. The church has little understood the vast wealth that underlies these unattractive and rugged mountains. She has been too easily attracted to the arid plains where a beginning is apparently easy, while she has disregarded the gateways to the wealth of the continent.

The Black Hills in South Dakota constitute a prominent part of this missionary district, and not more prominent than important. Six years ago, the Homestake Mines at Lead were the only gold mines being worked in the Hills. This group of mines were then yielding about \$3,000,000 per year. The working of the refractory ores was considered an unsolved problem. To-day railway tracks have been built under every producing mine at Bald Mountain, Ruby Basin, and in Nevada Gulch, and four large smelters are reducing these ores. Already other smelters are projected, as these are insufficient to work the output. This interest is giving new importance to this section of country, and the towns are beginning to grow and business to revive.

The new church at Keystone is of very great importance. The town in little more than a year has reached 800 inhabitants. The camp is free-milling ore, and several mills have been built and others are in course of erection. This is doubtless the coming town of the central hills. Our church there is of great importance and must have a church home erected this coming summer. We have our church site and about \$1,000 subscribed.

In the little more than six years' acquaintance with the Black Hills there has been a marked growth in all departments of church work—

attendance, membership, Sunday-schools, young people's societies, etc. And the advance is very marked in the number and quality of church buildings. Four church buildings have been erected, an addition of sixty-six per cent. Four parsonages have been built, an increase of 400 per cent.

In Wyoming, in three years and nine months, six church buildings have been erected, an addition of 120 per cent. Three parsonages have been secured, an addition of 300 per cent. When compared with the twenty-four years since work began in Wyoming, the fourteen years since work began in the Black Hills, the ratio is seen to be very rapidly increasing. There is certainly nothing discouraging in the later history of this field. The only cloud upon the horizon is the lack of missionary aid to carry on the work so auspiciously begun. We ought to occupy at least six new fields in Wyoming and three new fields in the Black Hills the present year. The necessity of fellowship and the economy of early plants demand it. But with a greatly reduced grant and the necessities of work already in hand, advance movements are impossible.

May the Lord open the way for these new movements by warming the hearts of his people !

### COLORADO

REV. HORACE SANDERSON, DENVER, SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this State have been \$1,768.61.

The Rev. Horace Sanderson, who was last year reported as acting superintendent in this State, has since been appointed Superintendent in full. He sends these items:

Sixty laborers have been employed during the year in fifty-nine preaching stations. Two churches (Ariba and Bethel Church, Denver) have been organized. Two have assumed self-support—Ward and Pueblo, First. There have been 646 reported conversions, 300 have been added to the churches on confession of faith, and 161 by letter. Two houses of worship have been built, one at Cripple Creek and one at Whitewater. The year has been one of progress. We have a band of most earnest, wise, consecrated home missionary pastors. This is proven by the above results. The low price of silver has brought about lower freight rates and smelter rates, and also reduced the price of labor. This enables some of the mines to ship that run in low-grade ore. Cripple Creek continues to be one of the greatest camps in the world. Our church, under the leadership of pastor Ray, is growing, and souls are being saved. Creede has had a temporary set-back on account of the closing of some of the leading mines. The indications are good for a revival of business in Creede as



spring opens. The shipment of fruit from the Grand Junction district is reaching such proportions that it will probably be necessary for the railroad company to put on a fast fruit train daily from Grand Junction to Denver. Colorado College has received a blessed outpouring of God's grace this past winter, and a number of souls were born again.

The Colorado Woman's Home Missionary Union are doing a grand work in helping our society.

One of our greatest needs is money—first, that we may have a State evangelist who will spend all his time in soul-saving work ; second, that we may be able to enter new and promising fields where there is no Sunday-school or preaching service. We have places of several hundred inhabitants where there is no religious service of any kind. Who will be held responsible ?

### MONTANA

REV. W. S. BELL, HELENA, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this State have been \$271.95. Nine missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with twenty-one churches and stations. Two churches have been organized and one assumed self-support. Twenty-three Sunday-schools report a membership of 905.

Says Superintendent Bell: In spite of most adverse conditions, the past year has been one of progress. About a year and a half ago we opened up a new field in the Yellowstone Valley, between our churches at Big Timber and Billings, and contiguous to a newly opened Indian reservation. This was placed in charge of Rev. Joseph Pope, who had previously done such good service at Big Timber. As the result of his faithful efforts two churches, one at Laurel and one at Columbus, have already developed, and more openings for preaching stations present themselves than can possibly be entered. At Laurel a church building is already going up, and at Columbus substantial gains have been made. This whole field, which is well nigh equal in area to the State of Rhode Island, is practically occupied by ourselves alone, and is full of rich promise for the future.

The churches at Laurel and Columbus were organized by council on successive days in the third week of May last. By an interesting coincidence, the same week a church was organized at Wibaux, the most eastern station in Montana on the N. P. R. R., thus giving us the unprecedented record of three Congregational churches organized in Montana in a single week. The Wibaux church was the outgrowth of the earnest labors of Rev. John Orchard, pastor of the Congregational church at

Dickinson, N. D., eighty miles east of Wibaux, and has since its organization been supplied in connection with that point. Although far removed from other Congregational churches in Montana, this little band is gladly welcomed to our fellowship.

During the year the work at Great Falls, which twelve months ago was so completely prostrated, has been again taken up, and is now on a substantial basis. A neat chapel has been built, and all the forms of church activity are in operation. These results are very largely due to the persistent efforts of Rev. O. C. Clark, of Missoula, to whom the task of gathering the scattered fragments was committed.

Great Falls is destined in time to be one of our most important centers of influence. Horse Plains, though still compelled to be content with only a monthly visit from the superintendent, has bravely undertaken the erection of a house of worship, which is now nearly ready for dedication. Livingston, after a considerable period of vacancy, secured a pastor in the person of Rev. W. A. Waler, who came to us from the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Under his leadership rapid progress has been made and a precious revival has been enjoyed; and while no formal action has been taken, the church, having received no missionary aid for the past six months, has practically come to self-support.

The only shadow thrown upon the work of the year is caused by the disbanding of the church at Butte. But even this cloud has its silver lining, as the Society is thus relieved of the support of a very expensive enterprise and enabled to give additional aid in more promising fields. Nor is the hope abandoned that in the future we may yet have an effective organization in that important mining and commercial center.

Of the work as a whole it may be said that a greater degree of permanency has characterized the pastorates than in previous years. Seven of the nine missionaries employed have been in the service throughout the entire twelve months. Substantial progress has thus been secured which could not have come in any other way. Recent reports show the Sunday-school work to be in an especially prosperous condition. Possibly this may be taken, in a measure at least, as indicating the wisdom of a joint superintendency.

## UTAH AND IDAHO

REV. W. S. HAWKES, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this district have been \$373.81. Eighteen missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with thirty-two churches and stations. Twenty-two Sunday-schools report a membership of 1,468.

The superintendent says : Another year of harmony, devotion, fruit-

fulness, and joy. Each church and mission has had a pastor ; nearly all have enjoyed spiritual quickening, and the lengthening pastorates show their results in more prosperity. The general business depression of the country has sorely tried our work and workers, and in Utah it has been a very heavy load. All but one of the Idaho churches have increased their pledges toward self-support. In Utah the growth of Christian work is extremely slow, but in Idaho it is more like home missionary work in other States.

The missionary spirit is increasing in these churches, and our missionary work in all parts of the world is receiving attention. Our woman's work is becoming well organized and yielding more fruit ; the lack of these things here in the past has been evident ; the beginning and growth of interest has been painfully slow, but now a decided advance is visible ; the hindering conditions in this field cannot be understood by those who have not had personal contact with them.

The two self-supporting churches in this field are both in Utah, and they and their pastors have been in close sympathy with the home missionary churches and ministers, as have also the representatives of the Education Society. The Sunday-School and Publishing Society and the Church Building Society have, as usual, been our most valued helpers. And the woman's department of our own Society has continually given us timely and highly valued aid in several directions. The "missionary boxes" have been unusually valuable, the thoughtfulness shown in their preparation has caused them to come to the self-respecting missionaries and their wives as testimonials of appreciation, and not as charity.

In past years a considerable number of good books have been secured for individual ministers. Only those who have seen the able men and women on this field, living on small salaries, frequently living scores, and sometimes over a hundred, miles from a brother minister and his library, and hundreds of miles from any good public library, who hunger for the much-talked-of new books, can understand what a denial they endure. A plan to partially supply this need has been devised for this field. One who fully understood the need placed a sum of money in the hands of the superintendent with which to buy books. The Congregational Publishing Society has offered to make large discounts from list prices, and a good number of recent and valuable books has been secured for a "Home Missionaries' Circulating Library," which will be circulated by the superintendent while making his visits. Besides this a considerable number of Congregational authors have contributed copies of their publications, and the cordial notes of presentation accompanying some of these gifts have made them doubly appreciated. The quality of the books suggested by the missionaries for this library, revealing their mental tastes and the drift of their thoughts, makes it evident that they are likely to worthily

support historic Congregationalism in standing for a pure Gospel and religious liberty. It is probable that the books will be finally deposited with either the Salt Lake or the Weiser College Library. Thus the present gift has a permanent value.

After so many years of waiting, Utah is a State in full fellowship in the Union. Most of the Christian laborers preferred to have admission still further delayed ; but so many reasons were advanced for it that few felt like opposing it openly. In various ways the leaders of the Mormon people have made such solemn promises on their behalf that there is a disposition to trust them, if we can thus hasten the Americanizing of this fair portion of our country. It is the prevailing opinion that the Mormon people are honest in these professions, and that the old forms of strife and opposition are forever past.

The past year has been one of spiritual blessing ; some excellent revivalists have been with us, and several of our churches have been graciously quickened. One church, which had been considerably rent and weakened by internal troubles, has been largely blessed by the spirit of the Lord softening the hearts of some of those arrayed against each other, and its future now looks hopeful.

Financially it has been a hard year ; not one of the home missionary churches has been able to meet its pledge towards its pastor's support ; if some have not done all we think they ought to have done, others have done more than was reasonably expected of them, and all taken together have done as well as we could demand, when the peculiarities of this field are considered.

We have only five churches in Southern Idaho ; but each one is strong and in an important center, exerting a wide influence, and we are ready to organize churches in several other places as soon as funds will allow placing missionaries with them. The large Fremont County, southwest of the Yellowstone Park, is still, so far as I can learn, without religious services, except Mormon.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

REV. J. K. HARRISON, SAN FRANCISCO, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this missionary district have been \$7,790.25.

Says Superintendent Harrison : During the past year sixty-nine missionaries have preached to 125 churches and out-stations. They have organized eight new churches, all but one in communities where there was no other church. They report 310 conversions and 746 additions to the churches. During the three years past our home missionary appropriations on forty fields have been reduced \$5,500. Seven out of the forty



have assumed entire self-support. The past year has been no exception in this respect. Our hardest work has been not the preaching of the Gospel, but rather the painful task of trying to carry on an increasing work while the missionary appropriations have been decreasing. And yet our work has gone forward and the credit of it all lies with the devoted, unselfish, and hard-working missionaries on the field.

I cannot forbear to quote from a letter just at hand. The pathos of it lies in the fact that the wife of our missionary is an invalid, who has not walked a step for ten years. The husband writes: "We continued the week of prayer for five weeks, as the weather would permit, with an increasing degree of interest, but I found it necessary for me to stop; the mental strain was too much, my mind refused to work, and I was so confused that I could not finish the last sermon. Rest has partially restored me, but I am not right yet. As the result of the meetings, seven united with the church, three by letter, four on confession. These were all adults but one, a little girl of thirteen, whose confession is very decided. We have not dropped work entirely. My wife and I hold seven services on the Sabbath. Sunday-school and preaching in the morning. Junior Endeavor by my wife at 2:30 P.M. in the parsonage. From two to four o'clock, Sunday-school at the K District. Christian Endeavor and preaching in the evening. Monday I have the family washing to do. This is about the hardest thing of all. Tuesday I meet the boys or young people. Wednesday afternoon, a Bible reading at two o'clock. In the evening, regular prayer-meeting. Thursday afternoon my wife has a Bible reading with the ladies. Friday I meet the Sunday-school teachers in Bible reading on the lesson, and sometimes a cottage prayer-meeting on Friday afternoon. There has come a great change over the community. My wife's rheumatism is worse; she is a great sufferer, in constant pain day and night. This climate does not agree with her."

The devotion of this faithful missionary is not beyond that of many others whom we have.

In addition to our regular services we have this year, through the special contributions of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, been enabled to begin a much needed work among the Italians, of whom there are over 100,000 in the State. Mr. La Franchi is doing faithful missionary work among them and has already met with gratifying success.

We must by all means maintain the lines already advanced. Indeed, we shall be recreant if we do not push forward into unoccupied communities. Fifteen counties remain unentered by our Congregational hosts. A call has just come to go into a mining town, with a population of 1,000 people with no church or Sunday-school. In another county are eight small towns, averaging 300 people in each, without a church or Sunday-school. In many places where churches and out-stations have been yoked

under one missionary, the work has simply grown beyond the ability of one man to care for them properly. There are still several places where we have church property which must be re-occupied at the earliest possible moment.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

REV. JAMES T. FORD, LOS ANGELES, SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this district have been \$5,611.45.

Our veteran superintendent in this field sends the following suggestive report : Thirty-seven missionaries were employed last year, ending March 1st, who ministered to forty-five churches and not less than seventeen out-stations. Three churches were organized—Alessandro, La Mesa, and Los Angeles (Central Avenue); two were disbanded (San Bernardino Bethel, and Westminster). The latter has received occasional home missionary aid, but none during the past two or three years. One church, South Riverside, has reached self-support. Five others have ceased to receive aid, because their ministers have declined to accept it. These are not self-supporting, but are rather supported in considerable part by their ministers. Seventeen Sunday-schools have been organized through the efficient work of Superintendent Case. The aggregate membership of Sunday-schools cared for by our home mission churches is about 4,500. Two houses of worship have been built, one purchased, and two repaired. During the calendar year 1895 there were received to our aided churches on confession 170 members ; by letter, 236. The number of attendants on public worship at all churches and stations is estimated at about 5,000. One missionary whose work among us has been greatly blessed, Rev. Henry M. Voorhees, of Escondido, has ceased from his labors here, called to "Come up higher."

Some of our missionaries report considerable additions to their churches on confession of faith, as a result of the ordinary services of the church ; others have held extra meetings. Perhaps five may be said to have been blessed with revivals of religion. We have been unable to enlarge our work in any direction requiring pecuniary aid, for our apportionment was insufficient to sustain the work already begun, except by reduction of the already meager support of our missionaries. Of the three churches organized, two were already out-stations of mission churches and require no additional aid. The other receives the aid heretofore granted to one of the disbanded churches. We are confronted with a like inability to enlarge our work for the coming year, yet there is no lack of calls for enlargement. For the advancement of the work already begun we greatly need the services of the home missionary evan-

gelist. Vast neglected regions with scattered population call for the labors of itinerant missionaries. Rev. H. P. Case, superintendent of our Sunday-school work, reports sixty mission schools that need pastoral care to give them permanent value. Most of these are beyond the reach of missionaries already employed. We are still compelled to report no work begun by our Society for the thousands of strangers of other tongues within our gates. A missionary of the American Board in Mexico must needs for his family's sake come to California, and wishes to do a much needed work among our numerous Spanish-speaking inhabitants, but we cannot assure him of a living in such a mission. We fail to occupy promising openings for churches in our more populous districts, because we cannot give them the aid they are sure to need at the outset of their work. We fear that more of our churches must be disbanded because we cannot continue the assistance they require.

Not only is there much work waiting to be done, but many men wait here who would gladly do it, yet must turn to other employments for an honest livelihood. Our obvious need is more consecrated money to connect the men with the work. For the past three years we have been unable to rely for the starting of new work upon money released from aided fields by their approach to self-support. The condition of many of these has been such that they have needed more aid rather than less, and our forced reductions have fallen mainly upon the missionaries. Nevertheless the year has been one of progress. If the gain has been small in the number of churches, of members, and of houses of worship, it has been greater in the interior life of the churches. They are generally better organized, more harmonious, more firmly established, and more influential in their several fields.

Looking back over a period of fifteen years, the progress appears so rapid and the change so great that we exclaim with wonder, "What hath God wrought!" Then we had six churches, now seventy-five; then 417 members, now 5,844. Then the average attendance at Protestant churches was scarcely more than one-twentieth of the population; now it is estimated at about one-fifth. Then the church-goer was singular, and often an object of ridicule; now custom moves churchward and carries with it many of the former neglecters of the sanctuary. Then a revival of religion, moving the whole community, was rarely, if ever, heard of in Southern California; now crowds gather to hear the evangelist, and he finds a susceptibility to religious impression not exceeded in favored places at the East. Then church members were an unfashionable few; now in several of our more prominent towns more than one-third of the inhabitants are counted in the church lists. This change is due largely to a new immigration from the best elements of Eastern society; but it is due even more to the fact that when the new rapid movement hitherward began, the mis-

sion boards of our several denominations of Christians sent their money without stint to help build churches and support ministers, so that every new settlement might *begin* with the Gospel.

## OREGON

REV. C. F. CLAPP, FOREST GROVE, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this State have been \$412.06. Twenty missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixty-three churches and stations. Four churches have been organized and two houses of worship built. Fifty-five Sunday-schools report a membership of 3,350.

Superintendent Clapp says: The year has been one of much spiritual growth and uplift. While cramped for funds very greatly, yet the Spirit brooded over the churches, and special meetings were not only more numerous than in previous years, but resulted in more conversions. Fewer changes occurred in the pastorates than for many years, and about the usual number of church buildings were built. The religious tone of the communities in which our churches are planted is much higher than it was one year ago. Congregationalism has risen in the estimation of almost every place where services have been held. The character of the ministry, the kind of work done, the support of the Missionary Society, and the solid foundations laid, have impressed these communities that the type of religion displayed was something far different from anything which had before been shown there.

It is difficult to conceive of the destitution which exists in some of the mountainous and upland regions of Eastern Oregon. This religious destitution means not simply that no Christianity is preached there, but it means that all sorts of irreligious and ungodly *isms* and doctrines are promulgated. Infidelity in its most blatant forms, corrupting and unholy literature, Sabbath desecration, and gambling, drinking, and carousing—in fact, all the forms of vice grow like weeds in a neglected garden.

In many of our home missionary fields a stream of young men and women has already started for Pacific University, Whitman College, and other similar institutions, to get the long desired education which was made possible by the missionary in his encouragement and planning as to ways and means. And more than one Home Missionary has taken the overcoat which should have covered his own back, or the money to buy it, and sent some promising boy or some struggling girl to the nearest school, taking them there, and arranging for their shelter and tuition, and starting them in to "light housekeeping" that the few dollars might buy as many months of opportunity with books as possible.



I have never known a more consecrated and self-sacrificing set of men than our missionaries. They have had "converting" power and have been men of earnest faith in the Gospel. On the whole I am greatly encouraged, and I see far better things in the immediate future than we have ever known in the past. The "missionary boxes" have come like angels of mercy, and only the "leaves of the Judgment Book will ever unfold" all that they have been to these prophets of the Almighty during the times of need.

### WASHINGTON

REV. A. JUDSON BAILEY, SEATTLE, SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this State have been \$2,353.03. Seventy-eight missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 168 churches and stations. Seven churches have been organized and nine houses of worship built. One hundred and nineteen Sunday-schools report a membership of 6,821.

Says Superintendent Bailey: It is with a degree of sadness that I place a blank where we ought to have the names of some of our churches coming to self-support. We have only six self-supporting churches in the State, and two of these are really not such.

Some of the churches have enjoyed precious revivals. I have given such facts as have come to me, but these figures do not do our churches justice. More than a score of churches have enjoyed revived conditions and have gathered fruits of regular and special work for the saving of the people.

Six missionaries have left the State during the year. Some may return some time, though they are not in work elsewhere. But the increase for the year is nine. We have more men in the field than last year.

We are now brought face to face with some new and startling problems. Some of our pastors have been working for a long time to secure an evangelist for the State. They have at last persuaded the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor to take up the matter and to pledge \$600 for this work. With this vote of our young people, indorsed by the churches indirectly, we are planning for this experiment this year. But it comes at a time when other States are dropping such work, and when we need, more than ever, every dollar for pastors in the regular work. With the reductions in the apportionment we have come down to starvation salaries. Never has there been more need of expansion and never more opportunity to expand. The men are here, wanting to work somewhere, and the work is here for them to do; but the money is not here. To drop small churches at this time is to drop men who have given themselves

to the work of the Lord in this kind of missionary service, and to leave them without employment in the churches anywhere. The evil of "too many weak churches in small communities" is greatly increased by the withdrawal of any church from the community where it has existed unless the withdrawal be because of the insufficiency of the church to supply the needs of the people. A large part of the value of a church is its permanence. The church must stay by the people if it would expect the people to stay by the church. And hastening to the conclusion of the argument, hence if we are to plan to be a power in this State we must plan to go where we are needed, to gather up the people who belong to us, and to plant churches where they are needed to Christianize the people of the State. We must plan not merely for communities, but for the whole State.

It is a source of pleasure to us to see that we are recognized as a strong denomination in this State. The smaller denominations are looking to us to take their weak churches which they cannot longer sustain. When the coming of a church means simply more support, we need not be in haste to encourage the movement. But when it means, as is often the case, a desire for larger and better fellowship, we feel like reaching out our hands in welcome if we can. Many of the hardest missionary problems are solved by planning for efficient and permanent work where it is needed. But we have reached our limit of ability, and so our limit of responsibility, unless we can have relief. We hear the cry of destitute communities on the one hand, and the cry of inadequately supported missionaries on the other, and as we cannot answer both we must choose which to answer. At present we must listen to our missionaries and help them. But there are many communities which are being neglected. We are not doing all that might be profitably done. I think, however, that we are doing well the work that we have in hand. Everywhere there are signs of increased permanence in the work. The churches are becoming more self-reliant, even where they cannot make much advance towards financial self-support. They need less nursing, less "careful handling." More of them really want to live, and are planning to live.

### SLAVIC DEPARTMENT

REV. H. A. SCHAUFFLER, D.D., CLEVELAND, OHIO, SUPERINTENDENT

During the year 28 missionaries (16 male, 12 female) have been at work, most of them all the time (besides 12 wives of missionaries), laboring in 7 States and 25 stations and out-stations, for 10 churches and branch churches with 537 church members. Additions during the year, 80; conversions, 78; Sunday-schools, 13, with membership of 1,957; an attendance at 27 preaching services, 919.1; and at 64 other meetings (in-

cluding Sunday-schools), 2,278; total, 3,197.1; contributions to missionary societies, \$652.42; calls and visits made, 16,074; Scriptures circulated: Bibles, 329; New Testaments, 252; pages of tracts, 163,204.

In addition Dr. Schauffler says: In the Cleveland Bohemian Mission the average weekly attendance at all services was smaller than the year before (1,611 against 1,781), while the number of conversions was larger (35 to 17), and also of additions to the church (31 to 11). Two young men and six young women are preparing for missionary work. Cyril field shows the greatest progress, all the services and meetings but one having been larger, and the church much more active and fruitful.

In Chicago, "wholly in charge of the Chicago City Missionary Society," the average weekly attendance at 16 services and meetings was 1,602 against 1,236 at 14 meetings the year before. Nine were added to the church and 48 intending to join at Easter. Dr. Adams reports: "I have never seen so interesting a state of things in our whole country."

In Milwaukee some headway is being made against great difficulties and strong opposition. The addition of a Bible reader to the missionary force has been a blessing.

In La Crosse Bohemian services have been kept up once a month.

In St. Paul two severe trials have been met—one from a rival Lutheran service and church, which came to grief through dissension; the other from the destruction of the steeple of our chapel by lightning, which, however, was restored through gifts of friends. Average weekly attendance at services, Christian Endeavor meeting, and Sunday-school, 109.

The Silver Lake (Minn.) church has 87 members and average weekly attendance of 223. Many members are realizing more than ever their calling as a church to improve the opportunities for reaching those among them yet strangers to the Gospel.

In Iowa City, since Rev. F. T. Bastel's departure, only the Bohemian Mission Sunday-school is kept up by the Congregational church.

In Vining, Iowa, the church has 22 members, having added 6; average weekly attendance, 59. The obstacles are great, chiefly indifference and bigotry. The small colony of Bohemian farmers in Luzerne is visited over Sunday once a month.

From St. Louis the report is cheering. The church numbers 26, 10 having been added; average weekly attendance, 368; attendance at almost all services was better than the year before. The Sunday-school is in better condition, and the Christian Endeavor Society has been reorganized. A church building is to be put up immediately.

In Nebraska, the work in Crete, Wilber, and Olive Branch is encouraging, the attendance growing, as is the favor shown by Catholics and the spiritual life of converts.

The Polish work in Cleveland looks decidedly more encouraging, the seceders from the St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church becoming more liberal in their views and more friendly to our work.

In Detroit the church (Polish branch of the First Congregational) has grown from 16 to 27 members. The average attendance at services has increased from 11 at two services to 16. The difficulties do not diminish, and yet about 500 new faces have appeared in our place of worship.

In Toledo no Polish preaching service can yet be held, but children are gathered into a Saturday sewing-school and taught Christian truth, and men into a class for learning English.

In the Slovak work in Braddock, Duquesne, and McKeesport, there has been steady and encouraging growth. Services are better attended than ever, the average weekly attendance being 420 against 362 the year before. The church numbers 96, 17 having been added, all formerly drunkards. The bitter opposition of the Braddock Catholic and Lutheran priests has ceased, these men having been driven away by their own people. There never was a time when the hearts of the people were more accessible to our missionaries.

In Johnstown the number of church members has increased from 9 to 13, and counting absentees, to 18.

The little church of Poles and Germans in Winburne, Pa., has grown to 18; they hope to build a little chapel next summer.

The Magyar work in South Norwalk, Ct., wholly supported by the South Norwalk Congregational Church, has had a prosperous year and earned the renewed praise of the authorities for its excellent influence on a formerly turbulent community.

The Oberlin Slavic Department has had ten students connected with it. The spiritual condition has been very satisfactory.

The Bethlehem Bible Readers School has also had 10 pupils—1 German, 1 Slovak, 8 Bohemians, of whom 3 are preparing for Polish work. Their faithfulness in study and missionary work has been marked.

## THE SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT

REV. S. V. S. FISHER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Fisher says: Three years have passed since the Society has had a report from the superintendent of this department. It might surely be expected that, after so long an interim, there would be such an accumulation of material as to insure a full report, and one of unusual interest. But the present superintendent may well hesitate to break the silence. Great must be the contrast between what he can give and the comprehensive, energetic, hopeful summaries and outlooks which that



many-sided, keen-eyed, broad-minded Marcus W. Montgomery, who initiated this work, and for ten years gave all his large abilities to its guidance, was accustomed to spread before you.

There have been few changes among the churches which are aided by the Society, during the past year. The pastors remain at their posts with a good degree of pluck and hopefulness. The increasing stability of churches and pastors in this regard is certainly a good sign. The Scandinavians are by nature rovers. They take kindly to change of place, and easily become pilgrims with no abiding city. Congregations among them, as among the Americans, are not averse to new voices and new ways of setting forth truth. It is a matter of congratulation that our ministers are not as desirous as formerly they were of new fields and fresher streams. And the churches are more willing to encourage permanency in the pastoral relation.

A new thing in our work is the joint employment of Rev. J. F. Okerstein by the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society and the Congregational Home Missionary Society. His field has been, thus far, Eastern Minnesota and Western Wisconsin, but may well be enlarged to cover North Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. His work is to visit churches, to assist pastors in preaching, holding special services, and house-to-house visitation; to look well to the Sunday-school interests, trying to give the Sunday-school, if there is one, greater efficiency, and if the church has no Sunday-school, to assist in starting one. He has also had it in mind to see if it were feasible to form a new church in some district not remote, which might be yoked with the one he is visiting, and so to aid in the support of the preacher as to give relief to the Society. Our Scandinavian churches need new life and vigor in the Sunday-school. They are weak here, and must needs suffer loss in a few years if they do not find how to improve their condition in this matter. Our Sunday-schools average forty, as may be seen from the statistics. This is not owing to a scarcity of children in Scandinavian homes. In some cases the church does not seem to value the Sunday-school at its real worth, and so fails to use it as it might. In other cases the neighboring American churches draw the children to their schools.

While but few churches report a revival, there has manifestly been a healthy spiritual state in most or all of them. There is large reason for giving thanks for the number of those who have heard Christ's call and have accepted him. Our ministers have not labored without results. All our churches, with perhaps one exception, tell of conversions and of additions to their membership.

The time is not yet far past when Mr. Montgomery found it no easy thing to obtain men with a theological education to minister to the churches; perhaps not yet are there enough trained men to serve all the churches

that offer a promising field to laborers of the right sort. But the supply of competent and well-equipped men is constantly increasing. Our Chicago Seminary graduated sixteen Scandinavian students this spring, three Norwegians and thirteen Swedes. The providing suitable men for ministers is one of the least of our troubles nowadays. Neither is the difficulty to find bodies of earnest believers who would gladly receive the services of these who have been trained to minister. Two of our general missionaries, Rev. C. J. Hansen of South Dakota, and Rev. A. G. Nelson of Minnesota, report excellent openings for new work, places calling loudly for preachers. So great is the need, and so little are we able to meet it, that Mr. Hansen is about to become a resident minister, as well as a traveling missionary, so taking upon himself double labor. Mr. Nelson also is striving to keep a goodly number of beacon fires blazing. He visits Sandstone as frequently as possible, but not as frequently as the people would have him come. We used to have a church in Sandstone before the awful scourge of fire swept over that district. Rev. E. A. Anderson, now of Winona, Minn., was its minister. He lost all his belongings, save what he had on. For some months there was no call for a settled pastor and regular services. Many of the people who did not perish in the flames took themselves away; they had nothing to move. Those who remained had to have time to recover somewhat from their losses. They have now done so in a measure. Others have moved in; we ought if we could, and would like nothing better than, to man the church there. But with our present resources we can do so now only by an occasional ministry. We have trained men, and we have calls from needy places, but the means to place the men whom we have been educating and to keep them at work is the thing we have not. There are ripening fields, there are willing workers, but we lack the ability to say, "Go ye into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

### GERMAN DEPARTMENT

REV. M. E. EVERSZ, D.D., CHICAGO, ILL., SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eversz summarizes his review of the year as follows: Among the reasons for gratitude, and evidences of progress, we mention the following:

1. An unusual number of revival meetings and of conversions. Our missionary, the Rev. John Sattler, whose services we are able to continue by the aid of the Sunday-School and Publishing Society, has devoted several months to revival work. It was our privilege to join him in some of these meetings, and to witness some of the manifest tokens of divine favor in the awakening of the church and the conversion of sinners.

2. A long step forward has been taken in the appointment of Rev. C. A. Paeth as professor in Chicago Seminary. He will devote his entire time and strength to our German Department. As he has already given good proof of his gifts as an instructor and comes with a warm desire to promote evangelical, aggressive Christianity, coupled with a Congregational love of liberty, we anticipate a steady improvement in the training of young men for the difficult work of the German-American ministry. But all this would be of little avail if we must continue with an inadequate supply of candidates for our seminary. We therefore rejoice :

3. At the steady progress made in our school at Wilton, Iowa. With more than 100 students enrolled, of whom thirty-six are sturdy young Germans, twenty-three having consecrated themselves to the ministry, we look for a steady supply of students for Chicago Seminary. During the week of prayer a quiet work of grace was developed, in which I was permitted to bear a part. All of our young Germans began to call upon the Lord, and eight young men gave clear evidence of conversion. As most of the meetings were carried on in the German language, their influence was chiefly confined to their own number. Under the able leadership of Professor Mannhardt our teaching force is growing in strength and unity of purpose and has attained a high degree of efficiency. If our friends will enable us to meet the obligations of this school, we expect that its influence will not alone be felt in our German work as such, but that many a field, now regarded as doubtful by reason of the diminution of the American population, will respond to a ministry doubly trained, and prove successful and profitable by reaching both Americans and Germans.

4. We also rejoice to report that our papers are believed to be on a self-supporting basis. While the circulation of the "Kirchenbote" has slightly diminished on account of the hard times for a few years past, the "Segensquelle" and "Sunday-school Quarterly" are steadily gaining friends. We gratefully record the generous coöperation of our Publishing Society, without which we could hardly have gained the present prosperity of our publications.

We are thus able to sum up the work of the year with abundant reasons for gratitude, and yet our psalm of praise contains one or two minor chords. In order to hold the fields already occupied and absolutely necessary, we have been obliged to trench seriously upon the patience and self-denial of our missionaries. In many cases the appropriation is too small, but any one of them would rather suffer much than see our work curtailed. Let not the strings be strained too hard. We hope that our churches will enable our Society to restore at least some of the reductions which we felt constrained to make.

## CONCLUSION

The story of the seventieth year, as it is told in the preceding pages, will impress its readers anew with the conviction that devotion to a great cause, fidelity to the Master, and self-sacrifice for the sake of the nation's redemption are still living forces in many hearts. The noble band of missionary pastors, East and West, North and South, have never manifested the quality of heroic endurance more clearly than in this the third year of financial stress. It needs no repetition to convince us that the money stringency which has been so keenly felt among our older and stronger churches has rested heavily upon those to whom the hand of help has been extended through this Society. In these recent months the effects of droughts, fires, low market prices, interruption of mining industry, prolonged stagnation in the business world seem to have culminated; and the crisis has borne heavily on many a young and suffering church and in many a missionary home.

At headquarters, also, the treasury has been foremost in thought and effort, in study and apprehension, during the past twelve months. Entering the year with the great burden of nearly \$134,000 of indebtedness, and \$449,000 of obligations for the current work, it was only by a courageous faith that the Executive Committee went forward.

The General Howard Roll of Honor, for the payment of the debt of the two previous years, proved an appeal which deeply moved the hearts of the people, and more than 700 names were inscribed upon that roll in the nine months between the Saratoga meeting of June, 1895, and March 31, 1896, and \$80,439, inclusive of special gifts outside the Roll of Honor, were put into the treasury for the extinguishment of that debt.

The seventieth year is also marked by the successful issue of the prolonged litigation over the great Baltimore legacy—the bequest of Mr. J. Henry Stickney, of \$150,000.

This is the largest bequest in the history of the Society; and its coming into the treasury at a time when prolonged and unprecedented financial depression had seriously impaired all missionary work is a clear manifestation of providential favor. By this consecrated gift the year closed with every obligation for the work of the year canceled. The hand of the dead wrought our deliverance.

We stand on the threshold of a new decade, the needs and opportunities of which will exceed those of any decade in the past. In the inspiration of a grand history, of great possibilities, of divine favor upon us, may we go forward to take America for Christ and for humanity.

In behalf of	{	JOSEPH B. CLARK,	}	<i>Secretaries</i> <i>for</i> <i>Correspondence.</i>
the Executive Committee :		WILLIAM KINCAID,		
		WASHINGTON CHOATE,		



# DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY SECTIONS

The following Table gives the number of missionaries, each year of the Society's operations, the geographical divisions of *Eastern, Middle, Southern, and Western States*; and also in Canada.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	New England States.	Middle States.	Southern and Southwestern States.	Western States and Territories.	Canada.	Total.
1-26-27	1	129	5	33	1	169
2-27-28	5	130	9	56	..	201
3-28-29	72	127	23	80	2	304
4-29-30	107	147	13	122	3	392
5-30-31	144	160	12	145	2	463
6-31-32	163	169	10	166	1	500
7-32-33	239	170	9	185	3	606
8-33-34	287	201	13	169	6	676
9-34-35	289	216	18	187	9	719
10-35-36	319	219	11	191	15	755
11-36-37	331	227	11	195	22	786
12-37-38	288	198	8	166	24	684
13-38-39	284	198	9	160	14	665
14-39-40	290	205	6	167	12	680
15-40-41	292	215	5	169	9	690
16-41-42	305	249	5	222	10	791
17-42-43	268	253	7	291	9	848
18-43-44	268	257	10	365	7	907
19-44-45	285	249	6	397	6	943
20-45-46	274	271	9	417	..	971
21-46-47	275	254	10	433	..	972
22-47-48	295	237	18	456	..	1,006
23-48-49	302	239	15	463	..	1,010
24-49-50	301	228	15	488	..	1,032
25-50-51	311	224	15	515	..	1,065
26-51-52	305	213	14	530	..	1,065
27-52-53	313	215	12	547	..	1,087
28-53-54	292	214	11	530	..	1,047
29-54-55	278	207	10	537	..	1,032
30-55-56	276	198	8	504	..	986
31-56-57	271	191	6	506	..	974
32-57-58	291	197	3	521	..	1,012
33-58-59	319	201	..	534	..	1,054
34-59-60	327	199	..	581	..	1,107
35-60-61	308	181	..	573	..	1,062
36-61-62	295	87	..	481	..	863
37-62-63	281	48	..	405	..	734
38-63-64	289	44	..	423	..	756
39-64-65	293	58	..	451	..	802
40-65-66	283	64	4	467	..	818
41-66-67	284	66	5	491	..	846
42-67-68	307	73	7	521	..	908
43-68-69	327	73	8	564	..	972
44-69-70	311	71	6	556	..	944
45-70-71	296	69	5	570	..	940
46-71-72	308	62	3	588	..	961
47-72-73	312	49	3	587	..	951
48-73-74	310	58	7	594	..	960
49-74-75	292	67	7	586	..	952
50-75-76	304	72	8	595	..	979
51-76-77	303	70	6	617	..	996
52-77-78	316	70	6	604	..	996
53-78-79	312	57	10	567	..	946
54-79-80	327	57	9	622	..	1,015
55-80-81	321	62	9	640	..	1,032
56-81-82	328	56	17	669	..	1,070
57-82-83	326	68	61	695	..	1,150
58-83-84	334	77	63	808	..	1,342
59-84-85	349	93	123	882	..	1,447
60-85-86	308	99	134	868	..	1,469
61-86-87	375	103	143	950	..	1,571
62-87-88	387	110	144	979	..	1,620
63-88-89	414	109	127	1,109	..	1,759
64-89-90	441	122	150	1,167	..	1,879
65-90-91	446	141	186	1,193	..	1,966
66-91-92	437	151	196	1,202	..	1,986
67-92-93	437	153	203	1,209	..	2,002
68-93-94	458	167	230	1,174	..	2,029
69-94-95	484	154	220	1,167	..	2,025
70-95-96	456	151	229	1,227	..	2,063

# DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	EASTERN STATES.						MIDDLE STATES.		SOUTHERN STATES.																				
	Maine.	N. Hampsh'e.	Vermont.	Massachus'ts.	Rhode Isl'nd.	Connecticut.	New York.	New Jersey.	Penns'lv'nia.	Delaware.	Maryland.	Dist. Col'bia.	Virginia.	W. Virginia.	N. Carolina.	S. Carolina.	Georgia.	Alabama.	Mississippi.	Louisiana.	Arkansas.	Florida.	Texas.	Indian Ter.	Oklahoma.	New Mexico.	Arizona Ter.	Mexico.	
1-26-27				1			120	1	7				1																
2-27-28	1	2	2				120	1	9				2																
3-28-29		40	2	29	1		117		10			2	3																
4-29-30	47	29	27			3	133	1	13				3																
5-30-31	54	31	35			3	148	2	10				2																
6-31-32	62	40	32	1		3	157	2	11				2																
7-32-33	66	50	38	55		4	151	3	16				3																
8-33-34	83	63	42	62	3	3	177	3	20				3																
9-34-35	87	49	42	68	6	6	185	6	22	3			4																
10-35-36	90	59	53	71	6	40	183	5	20	2			4																
11-36-37	107	63	50	74		37	186	6	34	1			5																
12-37-38	71	56	52	76		33	161	7	29	1			2																
13-38-39	70	48	47	80	5	34	148	8	41	1			3																
14-39-40	71	55	51	73		38	165	12	27	1			2																
15-40-41	74	47	50	82	4	35	167	11	35				2																
16-41-42	73	50	54	83	3	42	187	11	49	2			1																
17-42-43	68	47	53	78	3	39	193	10	47	3			1																
18-43-44	75	42	40	64	5	42	201	10	44	2			2																
19-44-45	82	45	39	66	7	46	188	10	51				1																
20-45-46	80	45	45	56		49	211	6	53	1			1																
21-46-47	86	44	43	60	6	36	198	7	47	2			3																
22-47-48	91	46	45	62	10	41	187	4	45	1			3																
23-48-49	89	41	50	67	10	45	186	4	49				4																
24-49-50	92	40	58	60	6	45	173	6	47	2			2																
25-50-51	91	46	61	61	7	45	170	11	42	1			2																
26-51-52	96	44	60	54	7	44	157	10	44				1																
27-52-53	101	46	58	54	9	45	158	9	45	3			1																
28-53-54	93	44	57	46	10	42	154	10	44	2			1																
29-54-55	92	48	45	43	7	43	146	11	49	1			1																
30-55-56	97	43	43	42	7	44	137	13	48				8																
31-56-57	91	43	53	38	6	40	133	12	46				6																
32-57-58	91	45	77	34	8	36	133	14	49	1			3																
33-58-59	92	45	97	38	8	39	135	12	53	1																			
34-59-60	81	52	99	43	8	44	138	12	48	1																			
35-60-61	86	51	75	44	8	44	121	12	47	1																			
36-61-62	88	39	64	47	8	49	80	3	4																				
37-62-63	82	39	60	45	6	49	43	2	3																				
38-63-64	77	34	58	60	6	54	42		2																				
39-64-65	77	39	61	59	5	52	53		5																				
40-65-66	78	39	53	61	7	45	58	1	5																				
41-66-67	82	38	65	63	6	30	57	2	6				2																
42-67-68	94	45	66	61	4	37	57	4	12																				
43-68-69	85	48	79	70	6	36	57	5	11				3																
44-69-70	89	42	65	74	6	34	55	7	9																				
45-70-71	95	38	60	64	6	33	52	7	10				3																
46-71-72	110	35	58	61	8	36	49	7	6																				
47-72-73	102	39	57	66	7	41	39	7	3				2																
48-73-74	110	39	51	65	6	39	47	5	6																				
49-74-75	82	45	45	66	6	48	53	5	9				1																
50-75-76	90	47	49	73	6	39	51	8	13				1																
51-76-77	77	49	48	81	6	42	51	9	10				1																
52-77-78	83	49	57	76	7	44	57	6	7				1																
53-78-79	86	49	55	71	7	44	47	6	4				2																
54-79-80	82	55	61	76	8	45	45	7	5				2																
55-80-81	82	59	53	75	8	44	51	6	5				1																
56-81-82	95	59	53	75	7	30	43	5	7				1																
57-82-83	80	64	52	72	10	39	46	5	15				1																
58-83-84	94	62	53	83	8	40	53	4	23				1																
59-84-85	104	66	55	88	7	40	67	8	18				1																
60-85-86	103	64	60	97	9	46	71	4	23				1																
61-86-87	99	65	62	97	10	50	67	7	23				1																
62-87-88	99	65	57	64	10	52	74	7	25				2																
63-88-89	113	73	57	104	9	58	72	9	25				2																
64-89-90	118	71	59	127	9	57	76	10	32				2																
65-90-91	134	74	49	124	11	54	89	11	38				2																
66-91-92	124	80	53	123	13	53	99	12	40				5																
67-92-93	124	68	59	131	14	53	94	16	40				3																
68-93-94	140	64	61	124	14	55	104	14	45				3																
69-94-95	141	71	66	132	15	59	95	12	44				3																
70-95-96	116	54	73	141	12	60	92	10	45				4																

Each State is here given credit for services of minister, though he may have served in other States.

REMARKS ON THE TABLES.—1. At the organization of the American Home Missionary Society, in 1826, the missionaries of the United Domestic Missionary Society, whose responsibilities it assumed, were transferred to it, and the greater portion of them were in commission in the State of New York.

2. The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, and the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society became integral parts of the National Society in the second year of its operations; the Maine Missionary Society in the third year, and the Connecticut Missionary Society in the sixth year.

3. In 1845, the missions of this Society in Canada were, by an amicable arrangement with the British Colonial Missionary Society, transferred to the care of that institution.

# DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	South'n States.		WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES.																						
	Tennes'se	Kentucky	Ohio.	Indiana.	Illinois.	Missouri.	Michigan	Wisc'ns'n	Iowa.	Minn'sota	Kansas.	Nebraska	No. Dak.	So. Dak.	Colorado.	Wyoming	Montana.	Utah.	Nevada.	Idaho.	Californ'a	Oregon.	Wash'tn.		
1-'26-'27.	2	4	16	3	2	3	4																		
2-'27-'28.	2	4	27	9	3	5	5																		
3-'28-'29.	3	3	43	12	83	6	5																		
4-'29-'30.	7	5	64	18	12	6	10																		
5-'30-'31.	5	9	74	23	17	5	12																		
6-'31-'32.	7	13	74	24	20	12	16																		
7-'32-'33.	11	13	80	26	23	12	20																		
8-'33-'34.	10	9	68	29	24	13	16																		
9-'34-'35.	13	7	85	26	29	10	16																		
10-'35-'36.	12	9	80	24	32	12	17	1	2																
11-'36-'37.	12	7	72	31	31	9	29	1	2	2															
12-'37-'38.	7	....	64	29	27	14	22	1	2	1															
13-'38-'39.	6	1	56	26	31	12	22	3	3	3															
14-'39-'40.	7	....	54	25	39	9	24	6	8	6															
15-'40-'41.	8	....	53	21	42	5	26	8	6	6															
16-'41-'42.	8	....	66	24	50	6	36	19	12	12															
17-'42-'43.	6	1	75	33	65	20	46	28	16	16															
18-'43-'44.	4	3	91	36	87	21	63	30	29	29															
19-'44-'45.	3	7	99	46	95	20	65	34	28	28															
20-'45-'46.	6	6	103	51	98	25	67	36	24	24															
21-'46-'47.	6	8	95	59	92	21	77	44	29	29													2		
22-'47-'48.	7	9	102	52	101	21	80	49	35	35													2		
23-'48-'49.	7	7	94	51	110	25	73	58	33	33													2		
24-'49-'50.	6	7	97	50	114	33	74	63	37	2													2		
25-'50-'51.	6	6	93	59	119	29	80	72	41	4													2		
26-'51-'52.	5	6	93	63	117	29	77	84	50	4													3		
27-'52-'53.	5	6	96	58	118	30	80	83	55	6													4		
28-'53-'54.	3	6	110	43	105	29	76	87	56	8													5		
29-'54-'55.	4	1	101	35	102	24	77	100	63	10													5		
30-'55-'56.	2	1	80	36	93	21	72	87	73	14	3												8		
31-'56-'57.	1	1	76	33	88	16	68	84	87	24	3												8		
32-'57-'58.	....	1	76	38	82	5	65	93	96	33	12	2											10		
33-'58-'59.	....	1	77	29	93	....	65	102	102	34	14	4											6		
34-'59-'60.	....	2	79	29	100	....	68	108	115	41	17	5											7		
35-'60-'61.	....	3	75	21	89	2	71	100	127	46	16	5											6		
36-'61-'62.	....	....	54	15	83	2	59	82	103	45	18	4											4		
37-'62-'63.	....	....	38	5	83	2	62	76	81	34	12	3											5		
38-'63-'64.	....	....	38	5	94	2	62	73	79	38	15	5			1								3		
39-'64-'65.	....	....	37	7	95	4	70	68	98	35	15	7			2								3		
40-'65-'66.	2	....	33	7	78	19	67	72	104	35	17	9			3								3		
41-'66-'67.	2	....	38	4	78	25	71	71	103	41	19	10			4								6		
42-'67-'68.	1	....	43	5	86	31	73	64	110	40	23	12			1								4		
43-'68-'69.	1	....	40	7	86	32	85	68	125	41	33	11			2	3							5		
44-'69-'70.	1	....	34	9	72	36	77	76	124	41	39	14			1	1							5		
45-'70-'71.	1	....	30	10	71	42	67	77	112	40	60	18			2	2							1		
46-'71-'72.	2	....	32	10	66	40	69	77	112	43	62	25			4	2							6		
47-'72-'73.	1	....	30	9	59	35	78	70	100	48	67	35			5	5							1		
48-'73-'74.	2	....	37	5	53	35	80	69	100	49	70	44			4	5							4		
49-'74-'75.	1	....	39	6	51	33	78	67	94	56	69	41			6	6							4		
50-'75-'76.	1	....	27	10	54	28	76	72	92	60	75	40			9	8							4		
51-'76-'77.	1	....	21	8	45	30	85	69	83	61	85	67			10	6							5		
52-'77-'78.	2	....	26	8	44	32	85	66	89	55	91	52			8	6							3		
53-'78-'79.	2	1	23	7	43	28	75	56	86	55	90	49			12	10							3		
54-'79-'80.	1	1	25	7	55	21	87	59	85	60	102	52			17	11							7		
55-'80-'81.	....	1	21	8	48	30	95	54	76	58	107	59			3	20	15						8		
56-'81-'82.	....	1	26	8	44	27	93	57	67	70	93	56			10	27	23						12		
57-'82-'83.	1	1	33	9	45	36	112	57	62	71	89	61			17	38	26						10		
58-'83-'84.	2	....	41	13	51	45	130	51	62	98	102	83			37	65	25						15		
59-'84-'85.	2	....	39	13	60	51	135	64	74	87	105	91			28	82	24						15		
60-'85-'86.	2	....	43	9	54	54	126	46	78	101	97	87			33	77	26						12		
61-'86-'87.	3	....	38	8	60	54	123	56	79	102	105	113			34	86	26						38		
62-'87-'88.	3	....	47	11	60	48	131	72	80	92	102	90			34	74	29						35		
63-'88-'89.	2	1	43	25	63	56	148	83	90	115	98	95			34	92	36						42		
64-'89-'90.	2	1	46	31	68	56	149	89	105	133	79	90			39	90	43						52		
65-'90-'91.	1	2	49	40	72	62	124	87	108	121	78	89			36	93	61						67		
66-'91-'92.	1	1	41	36	76	64	126	100	114	141	65	97			38	99	49						67		
67-'92-'93.	2	1	44	26	86	58	126	91	123	108	67	104			42	93	42						62		
68-'93-'94.	4	....	47	34	79	46	119	82	114	112	61	108			40	96	37						66		
69-'94-'95.	3	....	44	29	75	47	136	87	109	101	59	94			35	97	51						71		
70-'95-'96.	2	....	47	30	154	54	188	84	91	116	60	101			36	95	55						79		

4. In the Table will be seen the progress which has been made year by year, in the newer States of the West, as they have severally come into being, and presented fields of peculiar promise for missionary culture. When this Society was formed, *Indiana* and *Illinois* were in their infancy, *Michigan* was, at that time and for ten years subsequent, a Territory; in 1825 it had but one Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and he was a missionary. *Wisconsin* remained, eight years after the organization of this Society, the almost undisputed home of the Indian. *Iowa* was not organized as a Territory till 1838. *Oregon* was reached by our first missionary there in the summer of 1848, after a voyage of many months by way of the Sandwich Islands. Our first missionaries to *California* sailed from New York in December, 1848. Our first missionary to *Minnesota* commenced his labors at St. Paul, in July, 1849.

5. It should be borne in mind that the number of missionaries in these newer States and Territories, as well as those that have been longer cultivated, gives but an imperfect idea of the ground that has been occupied by missionary enterprise. Churches, every year, become independent, and others are taken up in their stead.



# GENERAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	No. of Missionaries.	Not in Commission the preceding year.	No. of Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Years of Labor.	Additions to Churches.	Sunday-schools and Bible-classes.	Average Expenditure for a Year's Labor.	Average Expenditure for a Missionary.
1-'26-'27	\$18,140 76	\$13,984 17	169	68	196	110	not rep.	not rep.	127	38
2-'27-'28	20,035 78	17,849 22	201	89	244	133	1,000	306	134	89
3-'28-'29	26,997 31	26,814 96	304	169	401	186	1,678	423	144	88
4-'29-'30	33,929 44	42,429 50	392	166	500	274	1,959	572	155	108
5-'30-'31	48,124 73	47,247 60	463	164	577	294	2,523	700	160	102
6-'31-'32	49,422 52	52,808 39	509	158	745	361	6,126	783	146	104
7-'32-'33	68,627 17	66,277 96	606	209	801	417	4,284	1,148	159	109
8-'33-'34	78,011 44	80,015 76	676	200	899	463	2,736	Pupils.	172	118
9-'34-'35	88,863 22	83,394 28	719	204	1,050	490	3,300	52,000	170	116
10-'35-'36	101,565 15	92,188 94	755	249	1,000	545	3,750	65,000	169	122
11-'36-'37	85,701 59	99,529 72	786	232	1,025	554	3,752	80,000	160	123
12-'37-'38	86,522 45	85,056 20	684	123	840	438	3,376	67,000	194	124
13-'38-'39	82,564 63	82,055 64	665	201	794	473	3,920	58,500	175	124
14-'39-'40	78,345 20	78,533 89	680	194	842	486	4,750	60,000	162	115
15-'40-'41	85,413 34	84,864 06	690	178	862	501	4,618	54,100	169	123
16-'41-'42	92,463 64	94,300 14	701	248	987	594	5,514	64,300	159	119
17-'42-'43	99,812 84	98,215 11	848	225	1,047	657	8,223	68,400	149	116
18-'43-'44	101,904 99	104,276 47	907	237	1,245	665	7,693	60,300	157	115
19-'44-'45	121,946 28	118,360 12	943	209	1,285	730	4,929	60,000	160	126
20-'45-'46	125,124 70	126,193 15	971	223	1,453	760	5,311	76,700	166	130
21-'46-'47	110,717 94	119,170 40	972	189	1,470	713	4,400	73,000	167	123
22-'47-'48	140,197 10	139,233 34	1,006	205	1,447	773	5,020	77,000	180	138
23-'48-'49	145,925 91	143,771 67	1,019	192	1,510	808	5,550	83,500	178	141
24-'49-'50	157,160 78	145,456 09	1,032	205	1,575	812	6,682	75,000	179	141
25-'50-'51	159,040 25	123,817 90	1,065	211	1,820	853	6,578	79,000	180	144
26-'51-'52	160,062 25	162,831 14	1,065	204	1,948	862	6,820	66,500	189	153
27-'52-'53	171,734 24	174,439 24	1,087	213	2,160	878	6,079	72,500	199	160
28-'53-'54	191,209 97	184,025 76	1,047	167	2,140	870	6,055	65,400	212	176
29-'54-'55	180,136 69	177,717 34	1,032	180	2,124	815	5,634	64,800	218	171
30-'55-'56	193,548 37	183,611 02	986	187	1,995	775	5,602	60,000	241	189
31-'56-'57	178,060 68	180,550 44	974	201	1,985	780	5,550	62,500	231	185
32-'57-'58	175,971 37	190,735 70	1,012	242	2,034	795	6,784	65,500	240	188
33-'58-'59	188,139 39	187,934 41	1,054	250	2,182	810	8,791	67,300	231	178
34-'59-'60	185,216 17	192,737 69	1,107	260	2,175	868	6,287	72,200	222	174
35-'60-'61	183,761 80	183,762 70	1,062	212	2,025	835	5,600	70,000	220	173
36-'61-'62	163,852 51	158,336 33	863	153	1,668	612	4,207	60,300	259	183
37-'62-'63	164,884 29	133,843 39	734	155	1,455	562	3,108	54,000	240	184
38-'63-'64	195,537 89	149,325 58	756	176	1,518	603	3,902	55,200	248	198
39-'64-'65	180,897 50	189,965 39	802	199	1,575	635	3,820	58,600	299	237
40-'65-'66	221,191 85	218,811 18	818	186	1,594	643	3,924	61,200	325	255
41-'66-'67	212,567 63	227,963 97	846	208	1,645	655	5,059	64,000	348	269
42-'67-'68	217,577 25	254,668 65	908	250	1,710	702	6,214	66,300	364	282
43-'68-'69	244,390 96	274,932 55	972	246	1,956	734	6,470	75,300	374	283
44-'69-'70	283,102 87	270,927 58	944	246	1,856	693	6,404	75,750	390	287
45-'70-'71	247,567 26	263,617 19	940	227	1,957	716	5,833	71,500	368	280
46-'71-'72	294,565 86	281,182 50	961	236	2,011	762	6,358	76,500	369	293
47-'72-'73	267,691 42	278,830 24	951	217	2,145	714	5,725	74,000	391	293
48-'73-'74	290,120 34	287,662 91	969	241	2,195	726	5,421	74,700	395	297
49-'74-'75	308,896 82	296,789 65	952	214	2,223	701	6,361	80,750	423	311
50-'75-'76	310,027 62	309,871 84	979	240	2,274	734	7,836	85,370	422	317
51-'76-'77	293,712 62	310,604 11	996	234	2,196	727	8,065	86,300	442	312
52-'77-'78	284,486 44	284,540 71	996	209	2,237	739	7,578	91,762	385	286
53-'78-'79	273,691 53	260,330 29	946	199	2,126	710	5,232	87,573	397	275
54-'79-'80	266,720 41	259,709 86	1,015	256	2,308	761	5,598	96,724	341	256
55-'80-'81	290,953 72	284,414 22	1,032	255	2,653	783	5,922	99,898	363	276
56-'81-'82	340,778 47	339,795 04	1,070	262	2,508	799	6,032	104,308	425	318
57-'82-'83	370,981 56	354,105 80	1,150	301	2,659	817	6,527	106,638	433	308
58-'83-'84	385,004 10	410,449 45	1,342	401	2,930	962	7,907	116,314	436	312
59-'84-'85	451,767 66	460,722 83	1,447	380	2,900	1,017	8,734	118,000	453	318
60-'85-'86	524,544 93	498,790 16	1,469	372	3,095	1,058	9,050	120,000	471	324
61-'86-'87	482,070 60	507,988 79	1,571	392	3,063	1,117	10,031	129,350	454	312
62-'87-'88	548,729 87	511,641 86	1,620	361	3,084	1,173	10,012	129,462	436	316
63-'88-'89	542,251 00	597,049 11	1,759	478	3,155	1,249	10,326	134,395	478	340
64-'89-'90	671,171 39	603,978 31	1,879	452	3,251	1,294	10,650	141,975	467	322
65-'90-'91	635,180 45	671,297 23	1,966	496	3,270	1,318	11,320	154,722	509	341
66-'91-'92	662,789 28	686,395 01	1,986	441	3,389	1,360	9,744	159,206	505	346
67-'92-'93	738,081 29	689,026 12	2,002	464	3,441	1,391	11,232	159,300	494	343
68-'93-'94	621,608 56	701,441 16	2,010	547	3,930	1,437	12,784	164,050	488	349
69-'94-'95	627,699 14	678,093 50	1,907	655	4,104	1,439	13,040	180,813	472	340
70-'95-'96	777,747 95	699,855 36	2,038	693	4,110	1,509	12,138	186,343	464	343

1. The total receipts for the sixty-nine years is \$16,785,252.69.

2. The total of years of labor is 53,236.

3. The whole number of additions to the churches is 421,298.

4. The average expenditure for a year of missionary labor includes the entire cost to the Society of obtaining the missionary, defraying his expense to his field, and sustaining him on it, as well as the average proportion of all the expenses in conducting the institution.

5. The amount paid bank on loan account not included in expenditures.



## HOW CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS IN HOME MISSIONS

WHEN I was at a district temperance meeting a young man from the church at C—— came to me, after I had made an address, and asked me whether I could not visit that church and preach for them. He said they had but two sermons in eighteen months. It had once been a fair-sized church, but a railroad going seven miles south of it, the town had gone to the junction, and many of the people had moved to it. For a time the minister from there had preached to them on Sunday afternoons; but he had gone away, and the new man, taking no interest in them, had left them out in the cold. There were a good many people there and quite a large Union Sunday-school. He was superintendent, and wished I would do something for them. It was fifty miles from my parish. I said to him, I cannot come on Sunday, but I will come up next Tuesday and visit the people and preach in the evening. I did so and was well received. When the congregation gathered it nearly filled the building. I was both pleased and surprised to see the number of young men and women. I went down from the desk and asked the superintendent whether they had a Young People's Christian Endeavor Society. He said, No. So after preaching I talked Christian Endeavor, took preliminary steps of organization, and told them I would send pledges and constitution and they could fully organize at a meeting next Sunday evening. They did so, making a large Society, and from that on having large interest in their meetings. Having more work than I could do, I was not able to visit them again for some time, but the Christian Endeavor Society flourished. A few weeks after the missionary superintendent asked me whether I could not use a student to advantage in my manifold work. On my replying in the affirmative he sent me a young man from Oberlin, and I arranged that he should spend each alternate Sunday at C——, and have his home there. He found the young people ready to take right hold with him, and it put new life into the old church. In the few weeks that he spent there, he took in about twelve members. On his return to Oberlin we persuaded Father Litts, one of the best pastors we have in Iowa, to add it to his other fields, and in a few months he built them a church worth \$1,500, and added quite a number to the church. Now it is a church of ninety-two members, with church building and pastor, active in the Lord's work. It was resuscitated by the Christian Endeavor Society. Why may not many more churches in all our States be helped by judicious use of the same youthful workers? Experience is daily showing that thereby not only are the causes helped that are best worth helping, but these young givers are themselves doubly blessed.—CINEREUS.

## IT WAS A "SIN OF IGNORANCE"

THE Home Missionary was rustling for funds to provide church and school privileges for the children and young people of a frontier community. He went to a man in the East said to be worth \$5,000,000, and asked him to "chip in" a little to help the good cause along. He met with this reply: "Why do you Western people come here for money? You must take care of your own schools and churches. We of the East have all we can do to take care of our own institutions. I can't do a thing for you; good day; hope you'll be successful." The missionary bowed himself out of that grand mansion on one of the most fashionable streets of the great city, and as he walked away through the rain to the cheap restaurant where he took his meals he talked thus with himself: "That poor rich man doesn't know what he is talking about. He thinks that because the wheat, meat, wool, hides, gold and silver which enrich the Eastern people come from the West, the people of the West must be rich. It is true that the wheat that feeds this whole country comes mainly from our Northwestern States. But the man who sells the flour in this city to the baker who makes the bread upon which that rich man feeds makes *ten times* as much profit as the poor farmer who raised the wheat of which the flour is made. I go to the West to help that poor farmer and his children, and what do I find?

"That farmer living in a 'shack,' tent, or dugout, his family clothed in rags, perhaps. There is no church, no Sunday-school, and possibly no day-school in his neighborhood. He has no money to send his children away to school; in fact, he has hard work to 'keep the wolf from his door.' So, too, the beef and hides out of which many Eastern men are made rich come mainly from the West. But how about the cowboys whose lives are given to develop the cattle industry?

"Go with me to the homes, if they can be called homes, in which these men live. The boys during the larger part of the year literally live in the saddle. Some of them have families somewhere—probably in a log cabin in some mountain village. The family lives in poverty. In many cases their children have never attended a religious service, and very few of them can hope to educate their children beyond the limited range of the old-fashioned district school. Millions of pounds of wool are shipped to the East every year from the great West—and those who handle and manufacture that wool and sell the products get rich; but the poor sheep-herder and his family have few or none of the ordinary comforts of life, and their children are doomed to ignorance and want. So, too, the thousands of men who go down into the bowels of the earth and bring up the silver and gold which enrich every city of the East,

live in the most primitive way. More often than otherwise they have no hope whatever of educating their children, and many of them have no opportunity to attend church and Sunday-school, no such institutions being within their reach. Now, I go among those people who are really giving their lives to make it possible for the people of the East to become rich and have homes of comfort and luxury, and I see their need of schools, churches, and other civilizing institutions. But how shall I supply this need? The people cannot do it. Is it unnatural or wrong that I should follow the wheat, cattle, wool, silver and gold, to their destination, and endeavor to persuade those who have become rich directly or indirectly through the traffic in these products to help me in giving to the people on the frontier the things needed for their mental, moral, and spiritual advancement?"

What think you, gentle reader?

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## THE TREASURY

1896-97

	CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....	\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....	5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68

OF these receipts, \$3,400 were from subscribers to the General Howard Roll of Honor, and \$434.45 were "specials for the debt." At its June meeting the Executive Committee voted this amount (\$3,834.45) be paid upon the debt of April, 1895, reducing the amount still due thereon to \$42,772.88.

We earnestly ask the attention of the Society's giving friends to the resolution offered by Dr. Richards, of Philadelphia, and seconded by Dr. Stimson, of New York, concerning the completion of the Howard Roll of Honor, a copy of which will be found in the minutes of the late annual meeting in New Haven, page 104 of this issue. The resolution evidently met the hearty approval of the audience, and without debate was passed unanimously. We cannot doubt that the same spirit will pervade the Society's entire constituency, and that the remaining shares will be taken with the same alacrity as has been shown in this matter from the start. Let that Roll be completed in honor of our valiant Christian soldier, and as a willing thank-offering to the Prince of Peace. Then will the army of the Lord go forth with new courage and zeal to the conquest of our land for God.

## THE GENERAL O. O. HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR

Previously acknowledged, 852; subscriptions added below, 35; total number, of shares, 887.

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## APPOINTMENTS IN MAY, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Akeson, Ludwig, Dover, N. J.  
 Beman, Albert M., Aurora, Mo.  
 Biggers, Lorenzo J., Catalpa, Ala.  
 Brady, Alexander, Rickreall, Ore.  
 Collins, Josephus, Kingfisher, Okla.  
 Cornwell, Stanton A., Cortland, Ohio.  
 Cragin, Charles C., Sebastopol, Cal.  
 Cudd, Wayman C., Hemphill, La.  
 Dobbs, James M., Porterville and Ten Broeck, Ala.  
 Fisher, Jesse L., Minersville and Camp Creek, Neb.  
 Flawith, Frederick, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Harris, Benjamin, Palmyra, Ohio.  
 Hawkes, A. S., Starkville, Colo.  
 Izard, John, Cleburne and Bala, Kan.  
 Kevan, James H., Custer, So. Dak.  
 Mathison, Elias, Echo, Ala.  
 Mathiss, Joel, Dadeville, Ala.  
 Niemeyer, H. W. A., Curtiss, Wis.  
 Oehler, Frederic H., New Richland and Hartland, Minn.  
 Reed, Rev. Mrs. M. G., Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Reeve, John C., Springfield, Mo.  
 Rose, Wm. F., Steilacoom and Lakeview, Wash.  
 Simmons, Henry C., Millerville, Ala.  
 Sjoberg, C. O., Perth Amboy, N. J.  
 Smith, Edwin B., Pittsburg, Kan.  
 Smith, Rev. Mrs. Esther, Park Rapids, Minn.  
 Thrasher, George W., Courtland, Ala.  
 Tibbals, Rev. Mrs. W. H., Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Tornblom, August F., Pittsburg, Penn.  
 Turner, Tell A., Hazel Park, Minn.  
 Watt, T. Edgar, Alva, Okla.  
 Welsh, John W., Hammond, Ind.

*Re-commissioned*

Anderson, Gustav, Ham Lake, Minn.  
 Atherton, Isaac W., Spring Valley, Jamul, and Lemon Grove, Cal.  
 Banham, Henry E., Fresno, Cal.  
 Barber, Leman N., Turlock, Cal.  
 Bennett, Albert L., Denver, Colo.  
 Berry, Edward A., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Beauchamp, Jethro M., Gaston, Hillside, and Greenville, Ore.  
 Biggers, Lorenzo J., Perote, Ala.  
 Bissell, Frank A., National City, Cal.  
 Bollinger, Edward S., Astoria, Ore.  
 Bowden, Henry M., Braddock, Penn.  
 Briesch, Samuel R., Dawson, Minn.  
 Brown, Aurelian L., Dayton, Wyo.  
 Brown, Frank J., Aitken and Mud Lake, Minn.  
 Brown, John F., Needles, Cal.  
 Brue, James, Longstraw, La.  
 Brunker, Thomas A., Wakita, Manchester, and Stella, Okla.  
 Bumstead, Mary G., Highland Lake, Colo.  
 Burgess, Hubert F., Auburn, Cal.  
 Busby, Joseph L., Clanton and South Calera, Ala.  
 Bushell, Jonas, Leavenworth, Wash.  
 Butler, Thomas W., Vancouver, Wash.  
 Carroll, W. Irving, Dallas, Tex.  
 Carter, William C., Powersville, Ga.  
 Clarke, Almon T., Shelby, Ala.  
 Cheadle, Stephen H., San Juan, Cal.  
 Cheeseman, T. W. C., Spearfish, So. Dak.  
 Cherrington, F. B., Spokane, Wash.  
 Cibula, Jan, Johnstown, Penn.  
 Cleworth, Wm. C., Willow Lake and Pitrodie, So. Dak.  
 Cone, James W., Ellis, Kan.  
 Combe, Philip, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Connet, Alfred, Auburn and Whitehouse, Okla.

Cooper, John H., Santa Ana, Cal.  
 Crowson, John R., Verbena and Clanton, Ala.  
 Cunningham, William B., Niagara, No. Dak.  
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 Davies, William C., Minersville, Penn.  
 Davis, Chas. H., Etiwanda, Cal.  
 De Groff, Charles F., Letcher, Firesteel, Bethel, and Lisbon, So. Dak.  
 De Kay, George H., Santa Monica, Cal.  
 Dent, Thomas J., Aberdeen, So. Dak.  
 Dessup, John J., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Dickerson, Chas. H., Newark, N. J.  
 Dickinson, Samuel F., Grand Junction, Colo.  
 Doyle, Amos A., Seattle, Wash.  
 Drake, Ellis R., Denver, Colo.  
 Drake, Ulysses S., Condon, Lexington, and Ione, Ore.  
 Eaves, George, Creede, Colo.  
 Edwards, Nicholas T., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Embree, Jehu H., Brookville, Kan.  
 Emerson, Stephen G., Allesandro, Cal.  
 Evans, John G., Vandling and Forest Valley, Penn.  
 Farquhar, Robert W., Pullman, Wash.  
 Field, Frederic A., Redondo, Cal.  
 Fisher, Oren D., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Fiske, John B., Bonne Terre, Mo.  
 Forrester, James C., Hoschton, Ga.  
 Foster, Festus, Waukomis and McCalvary, Okla.  
 Foster, Guy, Whitewater, Colo.  
 Foster, Jesse D., Kenwood and Glen Ellen, Cal.  
 Foster, Richard B., Perkins, Okla.  
 Frost, Wilfred B., Pillsbury and Swanville, Minn.  
 Frazee, John H., Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Gallagher, Geo. W., Dickinson and Gladstone, No. Dak.  
 Gibson, Nelson H., Clion and Henderson, Ala.  
 Gilchrist, Howard H., Kinsley, Kan.  
 Gipson, Jacob M., Bluff Spring and New Site, Ala.  
 Grinnell, Eugene I., Steamboat Springs, Colo.  
 Gross, Miss Anna A., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Gunn, Elberry B., Jackson's Gap, Ala.  
 Hannah, William J., Bigtimber, Mont.  
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 Hardy, Wm. P., San Rafael, Cal.  
 Harger, Chas. H., Lyons, Colo.  
 Hayes, Francis L., Manitou, Colo.  
 Harper, Richard H., Darlington, Okla.  
 Haynie, Thos. B., Gate City, Ala.  
 Heal, Edward G., Wilkesbarre, Penn.  
 Henderson, Thomas H., Paso Robles and San Miguel, Cal.  
 Hicks, George E., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Holbrook, Ira A., Payne Co., Okla.  
 Holt, J. S., Opelika, Ala.  
 Houlding, Horace W., Evangelist in Western Wash.  
 Huffman, William N., Tipton, Cal.  
 Hull, Ellsworth L., Garfield and Jtmore, Kan.  
 Hutchinson, William A., Montrose, Colo.  
 Jackson, Preston B., Billings, Mont.  
 Jamison, Henry W., Beresford and Pioneer, So. Dak.  
 Jelinek, Jan, Braddock, Penn.  
 Jensen, Chas. J., Wausau, Wis.  
 Johnson, Orrin H., Eagle Harbor, Wash.  
 Jones, Burton H., Windsor and Sedalia, Mo.  
 Jones, Richard, Highmore, So. Dak.  
 Jones, Richard M., Oswego, Beaver Creek, and Leland, Ore.  
 Jones, William L., General Missionary in Ga.  
 Jones, Winfield S., River Falls, Bradley, and Brantley, Ala.  
 Judd, Hubert O., Coolville, Ohio.  
 Kelsey, Wm., Alpha, Mt. Pisgah, Otter, and Parker, Okla.  
 Krause, Frank O., Sheridan and Willamina, Ore.  
 Lawson, Frances, Guernerville, Cal.

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 Lennox, Alex. M., West Guthrie, Okla.  
 Lopez, J. M., New York City, N. Y.  
 Lumpkin, Wilson, Carney and Lincoln, Okla.  
 Lundquist, Carl J., Chandelers Valley, Penn.  
 Luark, Marcellus J., Murphy's, Douglas Flat, and Sheep Ranch, Cal.  
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 McCain, Andrew J., Central and Kidd, Ala.  
 McCune, Wm. C., Pond Creek, Okla.  
 McKay, Thomas, Plymouth, Penn.  
 McIntosh, Rodcliffe, Washington and Cannelsburgh, Ind.  
 McRae, Isaac, New Castle, Colo.  
 McWilliams, John W., Waynoka and Belleview, Okla.  
 Mackay, Charles C., Andrews, Ind.  
 Madge, Walter W., San Luis Obispo, Cal.  
 Magill, Thomas, Reno, Nev.  
 Marshall, Martin V., Art, Blackwood, and Wicksburg, Ala.  
 Mata, Jan, Braddock, Penn.  
 May, Edwin M., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Merrill, William H., Gaylord, Cora, and Twelve Mile, Kan.  
 Mobbs, Horatio M., Chewelah and Springdale, Wash.  
 Morton, George F., Alexandria, Minn.  
 Musil, John, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Nash, James H., Braswell, Ga.  
 Nelson, Nels I., Wood Lake and Doctor's Lake, Wis.  
 Nichols, Danforth B., Mission Hill, So. Dak.  
 Owens, M. James, White Bay Springs, Friendship, and Oak Grove, La.  
 O'Brien, James P., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Olds, Alphonzo R., Weston and Dry Hollow, Ore.  
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 Pederson, Ludwig J., Fargo, No. Dak.  
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 Rives, Charles J., Morrison, Okla.  
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 Schenerle, Gottlieb, Ritzville, Wash.  
 Scoville, Edgar E., Chillicothe, Ohio.  
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 Smith, Andrew J., Tacoma, Wash.  
 Smith, Howard N., Rock Springs, Wyo.  
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 Stevens, Clarence H., Crested Butte, Colo.  
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 Stevens, William D., Noble, Mo.  
 Stringer, Firth, St. Louis, Mo.  
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 Thrasher, William J., Haleyville, Ala.  
 Tomlin, David R., General Missionary in So. Dak.  
 Totusek, Vincent, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Travis, David O., Pocatello, Idaho.  
 Tre Fethren, Eugene B., Worthing, So. Dak.  
 Trutna, Miss Frances, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Tubb, W. H., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Turner, John, Denver, Colo.  
 Tuttle, George E., Flagler, Seibert, and Claremont, Colo.  
 Tychen, Andreas C., Hoboken, N. J.  
 Vailes, Charles S., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Veazie, Walter C., Evangelist in Kan.  
 Watkins, Joseph V., Oxford, Ala.  
 Watson, Wm. H., Red Lodge, Mont.  
 Weatherby, Seaborn, Spio and Echo, Ala.  
 Wellman, Wheeler M., El Reno, Okla.  
 Wells, Archibald C., Tallassee, Central, Kent, and Verbena, Ala.  
 Wells, Clayton B., Elyria, Colo.  
 Wheeler, Charles T., Pueblo, Colo.  
 Whidden, Whitter R., Wimbledon, Courtney, and Kensal, No. Dak.  
 White, Austin B., Escondido, Cal.  
 White, Isaac J., Georgiana, Ala.  
 White, Isaac J., Volina and Halton, Ala.  
 Whitlock, Frank M., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Wickham, Alden A., Hibbing, Minn.  
 Wideberg, Claes J., Arnot, Penn.  
 Wiggins, Aaron W., New Cambria, Mo.  
 Williams, W. H., Siloam Springs, Ark.  
 Williams, William L., San Jacinto, Cal.  
 Williamson, Allen J., Great Falls, Mont.  
 Willett, George, Buena Park, Cal.  
 Wood, Edwin A., Ipswich and Powell, So. Dak.  
 Woodruff, Alfred E., Springfield, Ohio.  
 Wrbritzky, E., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Wright, Turner, Ashland, Millerville, and Milner, Ala.

## RECEIPTS IN MAY, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 187 to 189

### MAINE—\$118.52.

Cumberland Mills, Warren Ch., by J. Graham	\$112 52
Harrison, \$3 ; North Bridgton, \$3, by Rev. A. G. Fitz	6 00

### NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$675.53.

F. C. I. and H. M. Union of N. H., Miss A. A. McFarland, Treas. :	
Plymouth, A Friend, Gen. Howard	
Roll of Honor	\$200 00

Claremont, A Friend.....	\$6 00	Gardner, A Life Member.....	\$10 00
Francetown, Ch. and S. S., by A. Downes, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. Mrs. H. S. Ives and Miss M. A. Richardson L. Ms.	100 00	Haverhill, A Friend, for the debt, \$25; C. Coffin, \$4.40.....	29 40
Keene, S. S. of the Second, by A. C. Gillis, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.	100 00	Friends, by A. E. Welch.....	10 00
Laconia, by J. P. Smith.....	33 53	Holyoke, Second, by J. N. Hubbard..	375 43
Nashua, First, to place the names of Rev. C. Richardson, D.D., and Dea. N. Greenwood on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by W. P. Clark.....	200 00	Jamaica Plain, Central Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of the Pilgrim Ch., by R. M. Sawyer, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. J. A. Plummer and H. F. Locke L. Ms.	100 00	Lowell, Legacy of Nathaniel Bartlett. S.....	57 75
Portsmouth, Ladies' Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. I. H. Upton.....	5 00	Ludlow Center, First, by H. S. Jones. Millbury, Bequest of Mrs. Satira S. Sumner, by E. A. Sumner.....	5 00
Winchester, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. A. G. Atherton, toward L. Mp. of Miss C. Gates.....	31 00	Pepperell, Estate of Rev. Eli W. Harrington, by C. Crosby, Ex.....	2,500 00
VERMONT—\$25.46.		Estate of Rev. E. W. Harrington, by Charles Crosby, Ex.....	200 00
Vermont Dom. Miss. Soc., W. C. Tyler, Treas.:		Peru, S. S., by Mrs. G. B. Parks.....	4 00
Highgate, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	3 00	Salem, Tabernacle Ch., by J. H. Phippen.....	19 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, Treas.:		Young Ladies' Miss. Soc. of the Tab. Ch., by S. U. Chapman, for the debt.....	50 00
Springfield, Mrs. A. Brown, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Southbridge, Legacy of Mrs. C. C. Harding, by C. W. Weld, Ex.....	300 00
Brandon, by J. F. Potwin.....	8 05	South Egremont, by A. M. Smith....	13 69
Castleton, by M. A. Rico.....	10 00	Springfield, A Member of Park Ch., by M. K. Stevens.....	25 00
Jericho, Second, by C. Van Vliet....	2 66	Ware, Silver Circle, Mrs. C. J. Sage, \$5; Miss S. R. Sage, \$5; Miss H. S. Hyde, \$5.....	15 00
Morristown, by Mrs. G. W. Hendee, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Mrs. A. B. Bassett.....	1 00
West Hartford, Y. P. S. C. E., special	1 75	Worcester, in memory of Dea. S. W. Kent, by Mrs. S. W. Kent of Plymouth Ch., for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. herself a L. M.....	100 00
MASSACHUSETTS — \$5,371.25; of which legacies, \$3,107.75.		Worthington, First, by A. Stevens...	19 56
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.:		RHODE ISLAND—\$185.24.	
By request of donors, of which \$500, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor;		Bristol, First, by P. Skinner, Jr.....	49 03
Salary Fund, \$50; debt, \$25.....	586 05	Providence, North Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by J. W. Rice, Treas. R. I. H. M. Soc.....	100 00
Woman's H. M. A., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:		Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. of Highland Cong. Ch., by Miss F. H. Fowler, for the debt.....	5 00
Baldwinsville, Ladies' Miss. Circle.....	\$31 00	Mrs. G. E. Luther.....	1 00
Boston, Old South Ch.....	20 00	Woonsocket, Globe Ch., by L. E. Taylor.....	30 21
Hyde Park, Aux., Cradle Roll Dept., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	CONNECTICUT—\$4,007.44; of which legacies, \$2,006.34.	
Randolph, Miss A. W. Turner.....	100 00	Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas.:	
Roxbury, Immanuel Ch....	5 00	Special for the debt.....	60 75
Amherst, College Ch., by L. H. Ewell.	88 20	Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.:	
Two Friends.....	50 00	Bridgeport, First L. B. Org., by Miss C. Smith, for Salary Fund.....	\$8 57
Ayer, First, by Mrs. G. F. Kingsbury.	17 00	Fairfield, Mrs. J. A. Kippen, Ladies' H. M. Soc., special	5 00
Boston, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, by A. Friend, to place her name on the Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Kensington, Mrs. S. H. Cowles, by Mrs. J. C. Graham, to const. Miss M. L. Colton a L. M.....	50 00
Mrs. S. B. Capron, by A. Friend, to place her name on the Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Milford, Plymouth Ch., Miss. Soc., by Miss K. S. Tibbals, toward L. Mp. of Mrs. A. A. Baldwin.....	25 00
W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund....	50 00	Plymouth Ch., Mrs. A. A. Baldwin, Mrs. O. T. Clarke, for Salary Fund, and in full to const. Mrs. A. A. Baldwin a L. M.....	2 00
Brookline, Young Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Harvard Ch., by W. G. Puddefoot, for Salary Fund.....	100 00	New Britain, South Ch., by Mrs. S. H. Wood, add'l, for Salary Fund.....	2 00
Chester, Mrs. T. D. Murphy, by A. Friend, to place her name on the Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00		
Dedham, add'l Extra-Cent-a-Day Band.....	1 88		
Florence, by W. L. Wilcox.....	15 52		



So. Ch., by Mrs. S. H. Wood, contents of Mrs. B. D. Gardiner's Dime Bank.....	\$5 00
First, Mrs. H. P. Strong, by Mrs. J. A. Pickett, for Silver Circle.....	5 00
So. Ch., D. M. Rogers, Dime Bank.....	5 00
New Hartford, by Mrs. H. R. Jones, for Salary Fund.....	3 00
Norwich, Broadway Ch., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. Mrs. W. B. Young and Mrs. I. Gifford L. Ms.....	100 00
Poquonock, by Mrs. N. T. Merwin, for Salary Fund.....	50 00
South Coventry, by Mrs. S. E. Coleman, for Salary Fund.....	10 00
Whitneyville, Y. L. M. S., by Miss M. S. Dickerman, for Salary Fund.....	6 00
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Berlin, Second, by Miss C. S. Webster.....	25 00
Branford, H. G. Harrison.....	10 00
Bridgeport, Estate of Mrs. C. P. Crocker, by J. W. Thompson, Adm.....	136 40
Olivet, by L. F. Manhall.....	30 00
Bridge water, Legacy of George Minor, by H. P. Downes.....	232 64
Brooklyn, Estate of Mary E. Ensworth, on account by P. B. Sibley, Ex.....	150 00
Clinton, Y. P. S. C. E., by G. Dudley, for the debt.....	25 00
Danielson, Westfield Ch., Mrs. L. A. Davis, by H. S. Brown.....	5 00
East Hartford, in memoriam, to place the name of Rev. Francis Williams on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by Mrs. Francis Williams and Rev. S. A. Barrett.....	100 00
Greenwich, Estate of Eliza Ray, by G. A. Finch, Ex.....	563 98
Hartford, A Friend.....	50 00
A Friend.....	2 00
Lyme, First, by D. A. Grant, for the debt.....	7 50
Madison, Fellow Workers, free-will offering, by Mrs. F. Dowd.....	10 00
Meriden, First, by H. M. Billard, to const. E. B. Everitt, Dr. J. D. Eggleston, B. Lawton, J. U. Pratt, and Mrs. W. G. Snow L. Ms.....	250 00
Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. F. P. Griswold.....	1 90
Middletown, Estate of Miss S. C. Clark, by H. W. De Forest, Ex.....	423 32
First, by Mrs. M. L. Crittenden, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
The Gleaners of the First, by M. E. Bunce.....	10 00
Milford, Plymouth S. S., by S. Hawkins.....	9 11
Mystic, Woman's Miss. Soc., by Miss A. C. Denison, for the debt.....	25 00
New Hartford, North S. S., by C. E. Jones.....	18 27
New Haven, Ch. of the Redeemer, by W. E. Rowland.....	137 27
Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the United Ch., by Miss R. M. Munger.....	25 00
Self-Denial Soc. of the Grand Avenue Ch., by Mrs. M. E. Mitchell.....	15 00
Yale Divinity School.....	48 75
Norfolk, Estate of Mary L. Porter.....	500 00
North Stonington, Extra cont. for the debt, by Rev. W. B. Cary.....	52 00
Norwalk, A Friend.....	50

Norwich, Buckingham S. S., by T. J. Leonard, for the debt.....	\$25 00
Broadway Ch., by F. J. Leavens.....	500 00
Poquonock, Mrs. T. Duncan.....	3 00
Putnam, a class in the S. S. of the Second, by E. F. Whitmore.....	5 00
Thomaston, First, by H. A. Welton.....	8 73
Windsor, Ladies' Aux. of the First, by Mrs. J. B. Wilbur, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Windsor Locks, S. S., by S. C. Coffin.....	50 00
Woodstock, First, by H. T. Child....	14 75

## NEW YORK—\$1,411.41.

Received by William Spalding, Treas.:	
Black Creek.....	\$5 47
Busti.....	3 00
Camden.....	25 76
Elizabethtown.....	10 50
Gasport.....	10 00
Keene Valley.....	5 00
Middletown, North Street Ch.....	7 50
North Java.....	3 35
Summer Hill.....	5 00
Washington Mills.....	14 50
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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:	
Albany, First, Silver Circle. For Salary Fund.....	\$5 00 79 63
Binghamton, First, Helpers Soc., for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. Mrs. A. G. Palmer and Miss J. E. Dunning L. Ms.....	100 00
Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue L. B. S., for Salary Fund.....	150 00
Central Ch. L. B. S., for the debt.....	50 00
Buffalo, First, for the debt. Silver Circle.....	10 70 5 00
Canandaigua, for debt.....	26 00
Cortland, for Salary Fund.....	20 00
Ellington.....	10 57
Groton, L. B. S.....	5 00
C. E.....	5 00
Homer, Aux.....	5 00
Honeoye, Aux., for debt.....	5 00
Oswego, Silver Circle.....	15 00
Philadelphia.....	10 00
Syracuse, Danforth Ch. L. U., for Silver Circle.....	30 00
Sidney, C. E. S.....	5 00
Syracuse, Plymouth W. C. A., to place the Woman's Christian Asso. of Plymouth Ch. on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
From Silver Circle.....	20 00
Good Will Ch.....	7 00
Warsaw, to place the name of the Soc. on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, and to const. Mrs. M. Bristol and Mrs. M. E. Jennings L. Ms.....	100 00
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Brooklyn, Rochester Avenue Ch., by N. D. Redhead.....	4 59
Y. P. S. C. E. of the Park, by Miss E. M. Little.....	10 00
R. D. Benedict, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Cambria Center, by Rev. D. T. Williams.....	10 00
Chippewa Bay, Miss E. Higbee.....	1 00



Clifton, Springs, Mrs. Z. Eddy, for freight.....	\$3 00
Flushing, Missionary Union, by Miss A. H. Parsons.....	12 75
Greene, First Ch. and S. S., by F. F. Peck.....	36 00
Jamestown, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by Mrs. S. A. Baldwin, toward L. M. p. of Mrs. H. C. Marvin.....	21 50
Massena, by Dr. M. J. Stearns.....	5 00
Middletown, First, by S. R. Corwin.....	81 70
New York City, Harlem Pilgrim Ch., by M. O. Hubbell, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
A Friend.....	50 00
F. M. Prescott.....	6 50
North Java, by F. E. Dark, for the debt.....	25 00
Oswego Falls, by Rev. E. Curtis.....	2 10
Portchester, Epworth League, J. S. Myer.....	5 04
Poughkeepsie, First, by E. E. Deyo.....	53 25
Smyrna, by Miss M. M. Brooks.....	25 00
Wellsville, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. F. Lewis.....	5 00

## NEW JERSEY—\$433.38.

Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Asso., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.: Washington, D. C., First, of which \$25 for Salary Fund.....	27 00
Cedar Grove, by Rev. B. F. Bradford.....	8 75
East Orange, First, add'l, by C. H. Nevius.....	5 00
Hoboken, Norwegian Ch., by Rev. A. C. Tychsen.....	5 13
Newark, Belleville Avenue, by S. Van Duyne.....	119 00
Orange Valley, by A. B. Johnson, to const. Miss L. Iddings, Miss E. Cooper, and J. H. Condit L. Ms.. Y. P. S. C. E., by A. P. Johnson, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	153 50
Summit, A. F. Libby.....	100 00
	15 00

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$37.45.

Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. T. W. Jones, Treas.: Lansford.....	\$7 50
Meadville.....	10 00
Annot, Swedish Ch., by Rev. C. J. Wideberg.....	2 00
Chandler's Valley, Swedish, by Rev. C. J. Lundquist.....	2 00
Johnstown, First, by R. R. Thomas.....	5 45
Slatington, Bethel Ch., by W. T. Williams.....	9 00
Warren, Swedish, by J. A. Dahlgren.....	1 50

## MARYLAND—\$29.00.

Baltimore, First, by C. S. Houghton.....	29 00
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$10.00.

Washington, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Fifth, by B. N. Seymour.....	10 00
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## GEORGIA—\$100.45.

Ft. Valley, Rev. S. E. Bassett, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Glenmore, by Rev. T. Pitman.....	45

## ALABAMA—\$8.00.

Bluff Spring, Mt. Carmel Ch., and Milner Union Hill Ch., by Rev. H. T. McKay.....	\$3 00
Christiana and Ashland, Wesley Chapel, by Rev. T. M. Lindley....	5 00

## LOUISIANA—\$13.90.

Jennings, First, by F. F. Morse, for Salary Fund.....	10 00
Long Straw, by Rev. J. Brue.....	3 90

## FLORIDA—\$104.09.

Bellevue, by Rev. T. H. Rouse.....	24 00
Dorcas, Shoal River, and Campton, by Rev. W. G. Miller.....	10 00
Pomona, by Rev. M. C. Welch.....	5 00
Tavares, by C. H. Newell.....	2 13
White City, by Rev. E. T. R. Fripp..	4 00
Winter Park, by F. W. Lyman, to const. Miss L. A. Abbott a L. M....	58 96

## TEXAS—\$14.15.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Treas.: Sherman.....	2 50
Palestine, by Rev. L. Rees.....	11 65

## OKLAHOMA—\$19.12.

Carney and Lincoln, by Rev. W. Lumpkin.....	5 62
Medford, by Rev. J. L. Read.....	4 00
Oklahoma City, Pilgrim, by Rev. P. C. Burhans.....	8 00
Pawnee, by Rev. J. H. Parker.....	1 50

## NEW MEXICO—\$5.00.

Albuquerque, Ch., for the debt....	5 00
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## ARIZONA—\$20.00.

Nogales, Ch., \$13; Rally, \$1.50; S. S. \$1.25; Calabasas, \$1.65; and Crittenden, \$2.60; by Rev. J. H. Heald.....	20 00
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## OHIO—\$636.97.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.: Ashtabula, Second, by E. B. Schwacofer.....	\$2 00
Berlin Heights, by Alwilda M. Gunn.....	8 63
Brighton, by O. F. Goss.....	1 50
Bristolville, by Rev. C. E. Knapp.....	5 00
Carmel, by Rev. D. B. Jones.....	5 80
Centerville, by Rev. D. B. Jones.....	4 20
Chillicothe, by W. F. Noggle.....	5 00
Cleveland, Union, by Rev. C. H. Lemmon.....	20 00
East Greenville, Welsh Ch., \$1.77; Children's Band, \$1.77, by D. T. Davis....	3 54
Newark, Mrs. James Evans Strongsville, W. C. Smith, by Rev. H. J. Wilkins....	2 50

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D., Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleve- land:	
Cleveland, First, S. S., by Nellie E. Bailey.....	\$5 37
Mrs. F. W. Low.....	1 00
Mt. Vernon, the Schnebly Family.....	6 60

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Cleveland, Pilgrim, W. A., Bible Readers Home...	10 00
Jefferson, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	5 65
Oberlin, Second, L. S., Bible Readers School and Home.....	20 00
Ridgeville Corners, W. H. and F. M. S.....	12 00
Unionville, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	7 04

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Ashland, for Salary Fund...	\$15 00
Ceredo, West Va., for Sal- ary Fund.....	1 00
Chester Cross Roads, Y. L. M. S., for Salary Fund...	5 00
Cincinnati, Walnut Hills, from Mrs. H. M. Wood's Dime Bank.....	5 00
Vine, "Our Nine," for Salary Fund.....	2 00
Cleveland, Bethlehem, Mrs. H. A. Schaffler's Dime Bank.....	5 00
First, for the debt, Mrs. A. F. Russell.....	5 00
Dayton, for Salary Fund...	5 00
Hamilton.....	3 00
Mansfield, First, Dime Bank of Miss O. Stone.....	5 00
Medina, for Salary Fund...	15 00
S. S., Dime Bank of Mrs. O. H. McDowell's class	5 00
Mt. Vernon, special.....	1 00
Dime Banks of Mrs. O. Murphy, \$5.00; Mrs. C. Tilton, \$2.50; Mrs. J. Turner, \$2.50.....	10 00
Norwalk, for Salary Fund..	4 00
Oberlin, First, Dime Banks of Mrs. W. B. Gerrish, Mrs. W. Mitchell, Miss Thompson and Miss Florence Penfield.....	20 00
Second, Miss Anderson's bank.....	5 00
Toledo, First, Working Band, from Mrs. B. H. Whitney's Dime Bank..	5 00
Central, for Salary Fund.	5 00
First, W. B., Mrs. D. M. Fisk's bank.....	5 00
West Williamsfield, for Sal- ary Fund.....	10 00

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Atwater, by G. W. Weldy.....	11 25
Berea, First, by S. L. Root.....	22 00
Columbus, Mrs. P. L. Alcott, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Coolville, by Rev. H. O. Judd.....	2 50
Defiance, T. B. Goddard, by E. P. Hooker.....	100 00
Medina, Ch. and Aux's, by Rev. J. R. Nichols, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00

Ravenna, Mrs. C. A. Newton's Dime Bank, by Mrs. C. A. Newton.....	\$5 00
Tallmadge, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. W. Seward.....	3 71
Toledo Central Ch., of which \$12.50 for Salary Fund, by C. C. Jenkins.	20 41
Windham, First, by C. E. Smith.....	4 27

## INDIANA—\$116.48.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Treas.:	
Anderson, Hope Ch., Ladies	\$16 34
Jr. C. E.....	1 50
Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$13.71; Y. P. S. C. E., \$6.50, for Salary Fund....	20 21
Dunkirk, Plymouth, by Rev. W. A. Thomas.....	18 15
East Chicago, First, by Rev. F. E. Bigelow.....	12 00
Orland, \$31; Terre Haute, S. S. of the First, Easter coll., \$13.39; Casey- ville, \$3.89, by Rev. E. D. Curtis...	48 28

ILLINOIS—\$68.67; of which legacy,  
\$66.67.

Buda, Estate of J. F. Hyde, by H. T. Lay, Trustee.....	66 67
Chicago, Miss J. E. Eversz, for the debt.....	2 00

## MISSOURI—\$11.53.

Chillicothe, by Rev. J. W. Eldred....	1 15
De Soto, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. Myers	1 00
Hamilton, First, by J. N. Morton....	9 38

## MICHIGAN—\$10.00.

Ann Arbor, Estate of Prof. C. L. Ford, \$5.00.	
Detroit, Mrs. M. E. Lane, Silver Circle	5 00
South Lake Linden, Y. P. S. C. E., by G. H. M. C. Dennis.....	5 00

## WISCONSIN—\$1.70.

Bruce and Appolonia, by Rev. D. L. Sanborn.....	10
Glenwood, Scand. Ch., by Rev. T. G. Grassie.....	1 60

## MINNESOTA—\$38.57.

Glenwood, by Rev. F. A. Sumner....	1 50
Graceville, by Rev. H. A. Cotton....	5 00
Hamilton, by S. C. Babcock.....	9 30
Minneapolis, "Rodelmer".....	2 50
New Brighton, by Rev. T. H. Lewis.	8 30
North Branch and Sunrise City, by Rev. P. H. Fisk.....	1 81
St. Paul, by Rev. W. Oehler.....	2 00
Spencer Brook, Swedish, by Rev. A. P. Engstrom.....	1 35
Tracy, Mrs. J. L. Martin.....	5 00
Upsala, Swedish Ch., by Rev. A. G. Pettersen.....	1 81

## KANSAS—\$56.75.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas.:	
Cawker City.....	\$4 00

Chapman.....	\$3 25	Beresford and Pioneer, by Rev. H. W. Jamison.....	\$9 00
Council Grove.....	1 00	Faulton, \$13; Clark, \$12; by Miss E. K. Henry.....	25 00
		By Rev. F. Mitchell.....	3 00
Athol, \$6.10; Westmoreland, \$2.25, by Rev. W. C. Veazie.....	\$8 25	Firesteel, Letcher, Lisbon, and Bethel, by Rev. E. B. Swartout.....	9 03
Colwich, by Rev. J. A. Henry.....	8 35	Ft. Pierre, \$10; Waubay, \$6.86; Alcester, \$11.10; Gothland, \$5.25; Tyndall, \$2.89, by Rev. D. R. Tomlin.....	36 10
Dial, \$5.56; Mount Ayer, \$2.26; Bloomington, \$1.65; A Friend, \$3.53, by Rev. N. Emmerson.....	5 00	Mission Hill, by Rev. D. B. Nichols.....	1 50
Dunlap, by Rev. W. R. Bair.....	13 00	Rapid City, by C. A. Trowbridge.....	14 26
Ft. Scott, First, by Rev. A. O. Penniman.....	5 65	Sioux Falls, by Rev. W. H. Thrall.....	12 31
Fredonia, First, by Rev. H. D. Herr.....	12 00	Springfield, Wanari and Running Water, by Rev. C. Seccombe.....	3 00
Hiawatha, Jr. C. E. Soc., by S. Bierer.....	3 00	Vermillion, Swedish, by Rev. C. J. Hansen.....	18 27
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NEBRASKA—\$278.90.		COLORADO—\$78.67.	
Received by H. G. Smith, Treas.:		Colorado Springs, First, by H. M. Carlton.....	54 25
Clay Center.....	\$3 30	Denver, Villa Park, by Rev. E. R. Drake.....	7 30
Exeter.....	1 10	Mayflower, Rev. J. Turner.....	5 00
Indianola.....	7 54	Lafayette, by Rev. J. F. Smith.....	3 62
Kearney.....	13 00	Lyons, by Rev. C. H. Harger.....	6 50
Lincoln, S. S. of the First..	8 00	Otis and Hyde, by Rev. G. Dungan..	2 00
Stanton.....	4 66		
Weeping Water.....	22 70		
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Treas., of which \$50 to const. Mrs. E. Parker a L. M.....	130 00		
	\$190 30		
Less expenses.....	80		
		WYOMING—\$1.66.	
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Treas.:		Sheridan, First, by Rev. C. D. Gearhardt.....	1 66
Nebraska, A Friend, for the debt...	50 00		
Aten and Crofton, by Rev. W. T. Williams.....	10 00	MONTANA—\$16.00.	
Brunswick and Willow Valley, by Rev. G. T. Noyce.....	2 50	Billings, by Rev. P. B. Jackson.....	11 00
Cortland and Pickrell, by Rev. F. G. McHenry.....	3 90	Great Falls, First, by Rev. W. S. Bell.....	5 00
Havelock, by Rev. S. Wood.....	6 00		
Madison, Mrs. M. L. Little.....	5 00	UTAH—\$15.25.	
Neligh, by Rev. J. F. Bacon.....	4 00	Salt Lake City, Plymouth Ch. and S. S., by Rev. J. D. Nutting.....	15 25
Nelson, \$1.80; Edgar, \$3.30; Deweese, \$2.90, German Chs., by Rev. P. Lich.....	8 00		
		CALIFORNIA—\$1,176.40; of which legacy, \$1,000.00.	
NORTH DAKOTA—\$59.63.		Woman's H. M. Union, Southern Cal., Mrs. M. M. Smith, Treas.:	
Abercrombie, by Rev. E. E. Saunders, Fargo, Ladies' Soc. of Plymouth Ch., by Rev. H. C. Simmons.....	2 00	Buena Park.....	\$2 50
Forman, \$38.26; Sanborn, \$6.93; Harvey, \$1.80, by Rev. W. H. Gimblett.....	10 64	Ontario, Jr. C. E.....	4 00
	46 99		6 50
SOUTH DAKOTA—\$179.06.		Antioch, by Rev. J. W. Brier, Jr.....	6 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. A. M. Wilcox, Treas.:		California, A Friend, by S. L. Peirce	5 00
Athol.....	\$1 00	East Los Angeles, Mrs. J. E. Cushman, for the debt, by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	15 00
Aurora.....	5 00	Etiwanda, by Rev. C. H. Davis.....	3 75
Buffalo Gap.....	1 20	Los Angeles, Central Avenue, by Rev. C. S. Vaile.....	3 00
Clark.....	2 90	Oceanside and Encinitas, by Rev. J. L. Pearson.....	7 40
Deadwood.....	4 00	Ontario, Legacy of Rev. D. B. Eells.....	1,000 00
Elk Point.....	5 00	Pasadena, Mrs. E. W. McPherson, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Firesteel.....	3 16	San Diego, Mrs. E. E. Wiggins, for the debt.....	10 50
Huron.....	5 00	San Luis Obispo, by Rev. W. W. Madge.....	7 60
Jr. C. E.....	1 25	San Rafael, by Rev. W. P. Hardy.....	4 65
Iroquois.....	1 50	Sunol Glen, by Rev. J. H. Strong.....	7 00
Mitchell.....	4 00	[Erratum: \$17 in June H. M. from Porterville, by Rev. M. Z. Fenenga, should be by Rev. J. G. Eckels.]	
Pierre.....	2 00		
Powell.....	68		
Sioux Falls, Jr. C. E.....	3 90		
Yankton.....	3 00		
Ruk, Micronesia, Miss Kinney.....	4 00		
	47 59		

## OREGON—\$18.04.

Forest Grove, by Rev. C. F. Clapp..	\$7 14
Portland, German Ch., by Rev. J. Koch.....	5 00
Mississippi Avenue, by Rev. H. W. Young.....	4 00
Rainier and Scappoose, by Rev. C. E. Philbrook.....	40
Rickreall, by Rev. A. Brady.....	1 50

## WASHINGTON—\$33.50.

Colfax, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. H. P. James.....	1 00
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Deer Park, by E. A. Short.....	\$24 00
Endicott and Alkali Flats, German Chs., by Rev. J. Hergert.....	6 00
Kirkland, by Rev. D. H. Bicknell....	2 50

## CANADA—\$22.50.

Rock Island, So. Ch., by J. U. Baxter	22 50
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HOME MISSIONARY.....	45 90
	<hr/> \$15,655 57

Contributions in May, excluding contributions for the debt.....	\$5,866 47
Legacies in May.....	6,180 96
Contributions for the debt in May.....	3,834 45
Total receipts in May.....	<hr/> \$15,881 88

## Contributions for the debt to June 1st :

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$81,356 58
Special for debt.....	8,010 59
	<hr/> \$89,367 17

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. C. M. B., package.		Newspaper Soc., two packages reading matter.	
Clifton Springs, N. Y., Mrs. Z. Eddy, barrel.....	\$45 00	Pasadena, Cal., L. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. S. R. Barnham, box.....	\$50 00
Concord, N. H., Y. L. M. S. of South Ch., by Annie C. Benton, box, package, and check.....	136 33	Plainview, Minn., Ladies, by Rev. J. H. Morley, box.....	25 00
Social Soc. of South Ch., by Bertha R. Sumner, box, barrel, and check.....	146 17	St. Johnsbury, Vt., W. H. M. S. of North Ch., by Miss Martha J. Hall, barrel...	95 27
Elyria, O., W. H. M. S., by Mary N. Garford, box.....	77 23	St. Paul, Minn., Ladies of Olivet Ch., by Rev. J. H. Morley, box.....	27 00
Lancaster, N. H., by Mrs. Nellie H. Fletcher, box.....	30 00	Waterbury, Ct., Second Ch., by Mrs. C. M. J. Benedict, box and barrel.....	113 26
Minneapolis, Minn., Ladies of First Ch., by Rev. J. H. Morley, box.....	50 00	Winona, Minn., Ladies of First Ch., by Rev. J. H. Morley, box.....	100 00
Ladies of Plymouth Ch., by Rev. J. H. Morley, four boxes.....	363 00	Woodbury, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. Geo. Follett, barrel.....	91 00
Ladies of Fifth Ave. Ch., by Rev. J. H. Morley, box.....	20 00	Woodville, N. Y., L. H. M. S., by Emma S. Gates, box.....	55 08
New York City, Hospital Book and			<hr/> \$1,424 34

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Woman's Home Missionary Association in May, 1896.*

MRS. LOUISE A. KELLOGG,

Secretary

Brookline, Harvard Ch., Aux., by Mrs. Mary I. Wason, two barrels.....	\$98 65	Newport, R. I., Aux., by Miss E. R. Hammett, box.....	\$150 00
Dorchester, Second Ch., W. H. M. S., by Mrs. J. M. Phipps, barrel.....	73 70	Newton Center, Mrs. J. F. Hawley, box.....	12 00
Hinsdale, Ladies, by Mrs. M. C. Bingham, barrel.....	88 08	Peabody, Aux., by Mrs. Mary E. Trask, three barrels.....	251 12
Hyde Park, First Ch., Aux., by Mrs. M. C. Clark, box and barrel.....	100 02	Providence, R. I., Beneficent Ch., by Mrs. S. E. Slade, three barrels.....	121 75
Leicester, Aux., by Mrs. C. F. Palmer, barrel.....	36 21	Somerville, Broadway Ch., Aux., by Miss M. S. Higgins, two barrels.....	142 00
Lexington, Hancock Ch., by Mrs. G. P. Milne, barrel.....	111 16	Wollaston, Aux., by Mrs. H. T. Whitman, box.....	25 00
Montague, L. B. S., by Miss M. A. Deane, barrel.....	36 56		
New Bedford, Aux., by Mrs. Nelson Freeman, barrel.....	100 00		<hr/> \$1,346 25



## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from April 20 to May 20, 1896.*WM. C. TYLER, *Treasurer*

Albany.....	\$8 00	Salisbury, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$5 00
Arlington, East.....	4 00	Sheldon.....	8 33
Ascutneyville, Mrs. Geo. Fitch, \$1 00		Pastor.....	10 00
Mrs. Newton Gage.....	5 00	Shoreham.....	10 25
		Simonsville.....	5 37
Bellows Falls, First.....	60 62	Thetford, First.....	16 15
Bradford.....	13 42	North, for Women Evangelists.....	7 50
Brandon.....	15 08	Townshend, West.....	8 95
Burke, for Women Evangelists.....	24 53	Tyson.....	3 00
Charlotte.....	10 35	Warren.....	7 00
Dummerston.....	21 81	Weston.....	15 00
Essex, Amasa Osgood legacy.....	428 12	Interest.....	360 00
Fairfield, East, Ladies' Church Relief Society.....	5 00	Vermont Missionary.....	4 54
Fairlee, West.....	7 00	W. H. M. U.:	
Georgia.....	5 02	Brookfield, W. H. M. S.....	\$10 00
Hardwick.....	3 00	Dummerston.....	9 86
Highgate.....	4 12	Enosburg, W. H. M. S.....	12 20
Y. P. S. C. E., for Miss Reitingen.....	3 00	Glover, West.....	6 00
Hyde Park, North.....	5 60	Greensboro.....	4 97
Jamaica.....	11 25	Manchester.....	5 00
Lunenburg.....	5 50	Newbury.....	16 60
McIndoes Falls.....	5 25	Pittsford.....	45 00
Newbury, additional.....	60	Salisbury.....	11 11
Pawlet, West, Welsh Ch.....	2 00	Springfield.....	10 00
Post Mills.....	7 50	Townshend.....	7 00
Rev. L. Harlow.....	10 00	W. H. M. U. Finance Com.....	150 00
Rochester.....	28 03		287 74
West.....	5 00		\$1,452 63

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in May, 1896.* REV. EDWINB. PALMER, *Treasurer*

Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor:		Brimfield, First, by Miss Julia T. Brown.....	\$14 50
Chelsea, First Ch., Ladies of.....	\$100 00	Deerfield, South, add'l, by C. B. Tilton.....	5 00
Danvers, Maple St., Ch. and S. S.....	100 00	Everett, First, by R. A. Rideout.....	33 84
Holyoke, Bagg, Mrs. Edward P.....	100 00	Falmouth, Nye, James, bequest, income of.....	11 36
Lowell, A Friend.....	100 00	Fitchburg, Davis, Grace U.....	5 00
Marlboro, Union, S. S.....	100 00	Foxboro, A Friend, by Horace Carpenter.....	100 00
Somerville, Broadway Ch.....	100 00	Bethany, by Horace Carpenter.....	22 06
	\$600 00	Hatfield, by Alpheus Cowles.....	46 43
Andover, Free, by Mrs. Minnie C. Cole.....	\$82 00	Holliston, First, by W. P. Gage.....	67 73
Bank balances, April interest on.....	19 27	Hyde Park, First, by D. W. Lewis.....	85 06
Barnstable Cotuit Union, by Mr. Fish.....	18 00	S. S., by R. J. Ford.....	19 27
Belmont, Waverley, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Rev. G. P. Gilman.....	4 75	Inanda, Natal, So. Africa, Bigelow, Agnes M., for C. H. M. S.....	10 00
Billerica, North, Gould, Mrs. E. R., for C. H. M. S. debt.....	12 00	Lawrence, White, Samuel.....	50 00
Boston, Allston S. S., by Jas. E. Lounsbury.....	4 55	Leominster, Orth., by A. O. Wilder, add'l.....	25 00
Brighton, by L. E. Bates.....	112 97	Littleton, Orth., by Jno. S. Hartwell.....	11 25
Charlestown, Winthrop, two members, for debt of C. H. M. S.....	10 00	Lynnfield, South, by Rev. Geo. E. Freeman.....	10 00
Office, for local Armenian work.....	5 00	Marion, Hadley, A. J.....	5 00
Park St. S. S., by E. H. McGuire, for local Armenian work.....	10 00	Medford, West, by J. H. Gerrish.....	13 50
Roxbury, West, So. Evan., by Mrs. C. H. Botsford.....	2 64	Milton, First Evan., by Arthur H. Tucker.....	36 48
X.....	5 00	Monterey, by Miss Jessie A. Townsend.....	14 50
Bridgewater, Scotland, by Mrs. S. O. Keith.....	6 40	Newbury, First, by Edward Perkins.....	25 33
		Newton, Auburndale, by C. C. Burr, for local Armenian Work.....	40 26

Newton (Center), First, S. S., by W. H. Rice.....	\$25 00	Whitcomb, David, Fund, Income of ...	\$250 00
North Evan., Y. P. S. C. E., by W. E. Lowry .....	2 00	Wilbraham, by F. E. Clark.....	18 00
North Evan., S. S., by W. E. Lowry	5 00	Wilmington, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Carrie M. Swain, E. C. a Day offering, for Spanish-American Work.....	1 05
West, Bell, W. G., for debt of C. H. M. S.....	2 00	Winchendon, Whitney, Mrs. S. L., by Rev. Davis Foster, D.D., for C. H. M. S. debt.....	1 00
Orleans, by J. Higgins.....	26 30	Windsor, add'l, by Rev. S. M. Andrews	5 00
Reading, by Dean Peabody.....	25 00	Woburn, North, by S. A. Thompson....	6 51
Revere, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. N. Badger .....	5 15	Worcester, South, Conf., by A. Armsby, Treas.....	11 77
Rochester, North, by A. K. Small....	2 00	Union, Cent-a-day Band, by Miss H. T. Boardman.....	6 11
Shrewsbury, by H. Harlow .....	11 00	Woman's H. M. Assoc., by Miss Annie C. Bridgman, Treas :	
Southfield, Canfield, Mrs. E. S. ....	2 00	Boston, Rox., Wal. Ave. Aux., towards Salary of Rev. S. Deakin.....	\$50 00
South Hadley Falls, by A. N. Chapin..	11 83	Somerville, Broadway, Aux., for Italian Mission.....	10 00
Springfield, Olivet, by E. C. Hazen, to const. Mrs. J. H. Clarke a L. M.....	37 18		60 00
St. John's, by Mrs. M. H. Thomas....	5 00		\$2,197 64
Stoneham, by O. W. Richardson.....	36 50	HOME MISSIONARY.....	7 50
Taunton, West, by Lewis P. Luther....	14 02		\$2,205 14
Templeton, by Mrs. Mary A. Hoyt.....	12 87		
Baldwinville, by Geo. H. Alexander, with other gifts to const. Mrs. A. W. Hird a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	20 00		
Watertown, Phillips, by Moses Fuller..	3 00		
Weymouth and Braintree, Union, by E. F. Bowles.....	45 50		

## RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society from April 1 to June 1, 1896. JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, Treasurer*

Providence, Beneficent Ch. :		Free Ch., for debt of C. H. M. S.....	\$18 29
Margaret C. Hackett, two shares Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$200 00	North Ch., Howard Roll of Honor...	100 00
Mary S. Taft.....	5 00	Plymouth Ch., Coll., C. W. Shelton..	6 10
Special for Wood River Junction.....	25 00		\$618 95
Margaret C. Hackett, special to A. B. C. F. M.....	200 00	East Providence, Newman Cong. Ch., two shares Howard Roll of Honor....	200 00
Academy Ave. Ch., Coll., C. W. Shelton.....	\$430 00	Central Falls Cong. Ch.....	81 22
Elmwood, Temple Ch., for debt of C. H. M. S.....	39 56	Newport, United Ch.....	46 37
		Slatersville, Cong. Ch., Samuel I. Tabor.	10 00
		Westerly, Pawcatuck Ch.....	5 50
		Interest.....	9 09
			\$971 13

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in May, 1896. WARD W. JACOBS, Treasurer*

Colebrook, by J. M. Grant.....	\$11 50	Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S. ....	\$7 87
East Haven, Foxon, by Rev. Charles Page.....	5 75	Somersville, see Somers.	
Foxon, see East Haven.		South Glastonbury, see Glastonbury.	
Franklin, by Rev. H. E. Hart.....	3 43	Thompson, by Josiah W. Dike.....	7 75
Glastonbury, South Glastonbury, Ch. and S. S., by H. D. Hale .....	7 34	For Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor	60 75
Greenwich, North Greenwich, by B. Close .....	20 00	Watertown, by George N. Griswold...	38 00
Hartford, Pearl Street, by William A. Willard .....	47 79	West Hartland, see Hartland.	
Zion, Swedish, by Rev. L. W. A. Bjorkman .....	4 16	West Winsted, see Winchester.	
Hartland, West Hartland, by H. L. Wilcox.....	8 00	Winchester, West Winsted, by John Hinsdale.....	231 10
Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur....	27 25	W. C. H. M. U. of Conn., Mrs. George Follett, Sec. :	
Nepaug, see New Hartford.		Abington, H. M. S., by Miss Anna F. Bird .....	3 50
New Hartford, Nepaug, Y. P. S. C. E., by Jessie M. Beckwith.....	10 00	Hartford, First, Junior Auxiliary, by Mrs. M. W. Jacobus.....	30 00
North Greenwich, see Greenwich.		Kensington, H. M. S., by Mrs. J. C. Graham .....	22 51
Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman....	12 00	Somersville, H. M. S., by Mrs. Oscar Keeney .....	12 25
For C. H. M. S.....	12 00	Stamford, First, Aux., by Mrs. H. P. Wilcox .....	2 00
Putnam, Second, by E. F. Whitmore....	36 25		
Prospect, by Rev. W. H. Phipps.....	15 00		\$643 45
Somers, Somersville, by H. L. James...	7 25		

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 7. KANSAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. George L. Epps, Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

## 8. OHIO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
 Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, The Morris,  
 Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
 St., Toledo.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave.,  
 Brooklyn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St.,  
 Syracuse.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave.,  
 Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President*, Mrs. W. H. Boals, Fargo.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President*, Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No.  
 Portland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Port-  
 land.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President*, Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic  
 Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St.,  
 Tacoma.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street,  
 Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Robbins, Ashton.  
*Secretary*,  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President*, Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New  
 Britain.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St.,  
 Hartford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St.,  
 Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St.,  
 Kansas City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave.,  
 Kansas City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave.,  
 Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Isaac Clafin, Lombard.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington  
 St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President*, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave.,  
 Des Moines.

## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President*, Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oak-  
 land.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St.,  
 Oakland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St.,  
 Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President*, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.



## 21. FLORIDA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

## 22. INDIANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, ———  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

## 23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 353 So. Hope St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

## 24. VERMONT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. J. H. Babbitt, West Brattleboro.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

## 25. COLORADO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Charles Westley, Box 508, Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

## 26. WYOMING

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

## 27. GEORGIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

## 28. MISSISSIPPI

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Emma Redick, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

## 29. LOUISIANA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. M. Crawford, Hammond.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Matilda Cabrère, 152 North Galvez St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

## 30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 1214 Grundy St., Nashville, Tenn.

## 31. NORTH CAROLINA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, } Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

## 32. TEXAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. I. Carroll, 331 Grand Avenue, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave.,  
 Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Lansford.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Ter-  
 race, Philadelphia.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. H. Parker, Kingfisher.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. E. Platt, Guthrie.  
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## 36. NEW JERSEY

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## MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT



THE annual meeting of the Woman's Department of the Congregational Home Missionary Society was held in the Center Church, New Haven, Conn., on Wednesday, June 3, at 10.30 A.M., the secretary, Mrs. H. S. Caswell, presiding.

An opening address was made by Mrs. Caswell, explaining the methods of the State Unions and the amount of their contributions to the Congregational Home Missionary Society and the other national societies. She also discussed ways and means by which the brethren in our churches may be won to a more active interest in missions.

Mrs. H. W. Heinzelmänn of Indiana, formerly of Chicago, spoke of the German work in that city, of the opposition to the efforts of the workers, and the results which followed their patient labor.

Miss Caroline A. Potter, secretary of the Christian Endeavor Societies of California, brought greetings from the State Union and also from the Young People's societies.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Washington Choate in behalf of these two departments of missionary work.

Mrs. Ella Sheppard Moore, president of the Tennessee Union, one of the original jubilee singers from Fisk University, beautifully rendered the song, "Swing low, sweet chariot."

Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster of New York followed. Her subject was "The Individual as Back of the Organization." She gave an inspiring address upon development, responsibility, and consecration. She spoke of the apathy in the ranks of the home missionary societies, and enlarged upon our need of information and more enthusiasm.

A responsive exercise, "Fear not," prepared by Mrs. Caswell, for use at this meeting, was then conducted by Mrs. Isaac Platt Powell of Michigan.

Rev. Dora Read Barber of Oregon gave an interesting account of

her experience as missionary evangelist in that State, after which a special offering of \$262.40 was gathered for the pressing needs of that vast field which has twelve counties without the Gospel.

Prayer for God's blessing upon this gift was offered by Mrs. Joseph Ward of Yankton College.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Mrs. Barber.—  
ANNIE A. MCFARLAND, *Scribe*.



## A WORD OF EXPLANATION

BY MRS. H. S. CASWELL

REV. JAMES FREEMAN CLARK of Boston said to a speaker about to describe the slums of the city: "Take it for granted that nobody knows anything about anything."

I take it for granted that some of you do not know that these Woman's Homeland Unions represent every State and Territory in this land, with two exceptions—little Delaware, which has no Congregational church, and Alaska, where we shall have Christian women to organize when the American Missionary Association has the means to push the work there.

This great organization of forty-two State Unions, which we represent to-day, covers the country like a shining network. It is *not* an independent society, with a board and central office. It is simply an auxiliary to the five national home societies, and a right hand to every pastor who will accept our help. Each State Union has its own officers, and its own methods of work, but all are united in one harmonious whole for the evangelization of this land.

Why are we called Unions? Because we work for the five national home societies. We are familiar with the whole Congregational alphabet, which cannot be said of certain Congregational pastors. We study the field of the five societies, distribute their literature, pray for them, work for them, and give to them. This year we have placed in their treasuries \$104,507.96, of which \$58,091.31 has been contributed to the Congregational Home Missionary Society. This is \$10,000 more than we gave her last year, because of her extremity.

In ten years we have contributed to Home Missions through the unions, \$777,860.49.

While congratulating ourselves over the \$104,000 raised this year, let us look one fact in the face. If the question put to the heathen convert, "How many dollars do you love the Lord Jesus?" were put to us, we could not answer in "dollars." We, the 400,000 women of



the Congregational churches, have given for work in our own land this year just twenty-seven cents apiece! Is this the measure of our love? of our Christian patriotism? Had we reached the average of one dollar per woman, that \$400,000 would have kept the candle of the Lord burning in many a community which this year has been condemned to darkness.

There are, however, as always, the faithful few who have stood nobly by the Congregational Home Missionary Society during her struggle with a heavy debt. When the inspiration was given General Howard to raise a debt of \$140,000 by one-hundred-dollar shares from 1,400 people, 500 of these shares were assigned to women, and nobly have they responded. Of the 871 shares taken, 490 are credited to women. This means \$49,000 of the \$50,000 expected of us. On the woman's part of the Howard Roll, Massachusetts stands first, Connecticut second, Vermont third, New York fourth, New Hampshire fifth, Rhode Island sixth, Maryland seventh, New Jersey eighth. Had each contributor sent her gift through the treasury of her own State Union the grand total would have been inspiring.

Very effective assistance has been rendered to the Society during the past six years by the special gifts from women, to defray the expenses of missionary speakers at the annual meeting of the woman's department. These contributions have given the people an opportunity to see and hear many messengers from the front, without extra expense to the Society. This investment has paid an hundred-fold in missionary interest.

We would also render grateful acknowledgment to the members of our Homeland Silver Circle for the steady incoming of the five-dollar gifts from the dime banks. These accumulated dimes have brought much good cheer to headquarters.

Messages of sympathy have been good to receive. One of the Southern unions, whose work is admirably managed by colored officers, sent us cordial greetings from their recent annual meeting, as follows: "To the Congregational Home Missionary Society: Numbers 6, 24, 25, 26. Your noble Society is assured of our affectionate sympathy and desire that your good work be lifted from debt and embarrassment, and greatly enlarged. For a word of encouragement we send you this: **BE YE STRONG IN THE LORD!**"

From another Southern union we had this: "We have held a thank-offering service to rejoice over the success of the General Howard Roll of Honor and the Stickney legacy."

During this year of continued business depression the call has been loud and incessant for the home missionary boxes, so generously supplied by our ladies' societies. In addition to the extra \$10,000 in the treasury, they have ministered to the personal wants of the missiona-

ries, by the gift of barrels, boxes, etc., to the number of 855. These have been sent by fifty-seven more working circles than took part last year. The value set upon these boxes is \$66,008.42.

Further particulars concerning the work of the unions may be found in the annual report of the woman's department, now ready for distribution.

Your secretary has just completed a nine months' campaign, East and West, with our home missionary rally party, and finds herself impelled to touch upon one matter that has been presented to her by pastors and thoughtful women in both sections of the country. The question in a nutshell is this:

Are the *men* in our churches becoming increasingly indifferent to missions? Do our *boys* already consider this a subject beneath manhood, and adapted to women and girls only?

An Illinois pastor, who had attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Union, said: "I am going home to organize a men's missionary society. In old times Ruth used to glean after Boaz. *Now* Ruth is driving the team, whip in hand, making a clean sweep of the gleanings, while Boaz sits on the fence, with nothing to do. Boaz must come off that fence and help Ruth."

Is this missionary indifference among men the effect of a separate missionary organization for women? Is the separate organization for the best interests of the church? Is more money raised than if the *whole* church were a missionary society?

The superintendent of a Western State told me the other day that it was not uncommon to read a church record like this: "For missions: the church, \$1.00; the Woman's Missionary Society, \$70.00." "Is this a normal condition," he asks, "where the men, who should represent the financial strength of the church, appear to such disadvantage in the amount given to missions?"

"An open letter" upon this subject, on the first pages of the report alluded to, may be of interest. Allow me, in closing, to pass on for your consideration a half-dozen questions which at present confront your secretary:

1. Does God design this training of woman, to prepare her as an instrument through which he may quicken the whole church with newness of missionary zeal?

2. Shall the church be likened to the "three measures of meal" in which the hand of *woman* is to hide the leaven of missionary interest until the whole church is leavened?

3. At the beginning, was not the church the missionary society? And did not the men and honorable women work together, and put their united contributions into the church treasury for distribution?

4. Ought not the church of to-day, as a whole, to be a living missionary organization, where men and women together study and pray and give?

5. Is it not possible to adapt ourselves to the present demand, and omitting the word "woman," and calling ourselves the "Homeland Unions," elect a few brothers on our official staff, hold the missionary meeting once in the month in place of the mid-week prayer-meeting, and place the missionary money in the hand of the church treasurer to be sent, as designated, to the national societies?

6. Would this plan, faithfully carried out by pastor and people, help to usher in the day when each of our 5,000 Congregational churches will become a missionary center, sending the gospel message to every part of our own land, and through this land to all lands?



## THE WOMAN'S SHARE OF THE HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR

ON the tenth day of June the last of the five hundred shares assigned to the women of our churches was taken. Of the subscriptions, we received from Massachusetts 165; Connecticut, 109; Vermont, 63; New York, 52; New Hampshire, 28; Rhode Island, 18; Maryland, 16; New Jersey, 12; Pennsylvania, 7; California, 5; Minnesota, 5; Ohio, 5; Missouri, 4; Illinois, 3; Colorado, 2; Michigan, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Kansas, 1; Maine, 1; Turkey, 1.

When the 1,400 shares have been taken, another report will be made showing the total gifts of the women by States.



## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE GERMAN WORK

BY MRS. H. H. HEINZELMANN, A GERMAN MISSIONARY WIFE

A GREEK philosopher of the ancient times, Socrates, has said: "I know that I know nothing." We all know he was a wise man, and so we will call this modesty in him; but if I say this of myself, "I know that I know nothing," we will give it the right name, truth. I do not want to bring you philosophical ideas and thoughts of any kind, and if I would, I could not do it. I had the opportunity to observe the influence of the Congregational Church in the German families, and I simply like to have you listen to some experiences of my work among the Germans in this country.

Born in Germany, I left my Fatherland in 1885 to make the city of Chicago my future home. As I was used to do, I went to a large German Lutheran church on the first Sundays, but I was not quite satisfied, because I found the service so different from what I expected to find; there was not a bit of spiritual life in it. The name "Congregational" was at that time entirely unknown to me, and so I paid no attention to a chapel with this sign in front. I was always looking out for a big church with a high steeple, until a member of the small chapel invited me to attend the service with her, and it was here that my soul was filled with the riches of God's infinite grace, and I became a Sunday-school teacher, which I remained for five years, when I married, and removed to another part of the same city.

My husband's congregation was at first a very small one, and his church situated in a place that is almost entirely settled by German Lutherans. Did any one of you ever work among them? You will agree with me when I say they have a prejudice against everything that is not connected with the name "Lutheran," except the beer. They drink that, whatever name it has. I do not mean to blame the laymen as much; they are taught that way; nor do I want to say one word against the great German reformer, Luther. He was a noble tool in God's molding hand, but we must not forget the Creator among his creatures, and so we must teach the Germans practically the abundant love Christ has for them, that they may not cling to their name as much as to that one which we are proud of—Congregational Christians.

The German Lutherans suppose themselves to be Christians when they pay their contribution, visit the church to and fro, especially on festival days, have their children baptized and confirmed; but they are not born again, they work on Sundays, and they even prefer this holy day to have their picnics.

This reminds me of our first church and Sunday-school picnic. They thought it an easy way to make money for the church, by selling beer on the grounds, as the Lutheran churches in the West do. Several of the men insisted upon having it sold; the pastor opposed, and, though he did not like to leave his field of labor, he was going to hand in his resignation on this account; then they decided not to sell beer, and in the four following years it seemed self-understood that on no occasion or picnic combined with the church there was sold any liquor, and now they detest it themselves. We see that dead souls can be filled with life again, can be ennobled, if those that have more judgment lead them on the right way.

We had a very hard time to conquer the prejudices of our Lutheran surrounding and to get the children in our Sunday-school, especially because they had their own mission, two houses apart from our house



of worship. I do not want to relate how the Lutheran teacher worked against us, but, glory to God! He crowned our work. We experienced a slow though steady growth of our Sunday-school until the average attendance was ninety scholars; and if you win the heart and the love of a child, be sure you have its mother on your side.

The German mother, as a rule, is known as a good housekeeper and rather a hard-working woman. She devotes all her time to her home and children, teaching them to sing and pray, to knit and sew, and to obey strictly, telling them stories while she is sewing and mending, and our church is greatly obliged to the mothers in our Woman's Society. They helped us in every possible way, though our congregation consisted of the poorer class of people. We know a great many cases in which the head of a family of six and seven earns one dollar a day, and now he is willing to contribute a small share to the monthly collection, and their children would not come to Sunday-school without a penny, and that means much with many children and but small wages.

I remember a little girl's absence from Sabbath-school. She had no other reason but the want of a penny. I visited her and told her that the Savior wanted something of more value from her—Christ wants a little girl's heart—and so she came back without a cent, but with a face beaming with joy and with a heart ready to give it to the best friend of children. Shortly after this happened there were two boys who thought it an easy plan to bring their heart as tribute instead of a penny, and one Sunday morning it seemed impossible to them to find their cent. I asked them, "Now, boys, what are you going to give?" "My heart," was the prompt answer. "That is well done; but haven't you a penny, too?" They searched and searched in all their pockets, very slowly, of course; I waited patiently, because I knew my boys. At last they found their looked-for penny, and, with blushed cheeks, they dropped it into the collection-box. You, friends, and I, we wonder if their heart was as near to Jesus as to their penny on that fine spring morning.

This incident encouraged me to organize a "Junior Christian Endeavor Society," the first German one, as I heard afterwards, in Chicago, and I had the enjoyment to enroll thirty-two little workers in the vineyard of our Lord, and God has perfected praise out of the mouth of his young children. The offerings that some of the little Endeavorers brought to their weekly prayer-meetings, I encouraged them to give at certain times to sick and still poorer children and widows, for God loveth a cheerful giver; and these small gifts, accompanied with our prayers and the Almighty's blessing, worked wonders.

We do not see any difference now between our little English and German Endeavorers; the latter like very much to sing their Gospel

Hymns, are ready to lead a prayer, and I always noticed the blessing of my Junior Society in their individual homes; father and mother are fond of hearing their children sing these songs, and so they did not object any more, as they did first, when we made use of these beautiful Gospel Hymns for church service, and I am glad to state this year was the first one we could have revival meetings. The term was fixed for eight days; the church was crowded every night; and our congregation showed such an interest that we agreed with all our heart to prolong these meetings for one week. All were under the impression that a great unity of feeling prevailed, and let us ask the Lord to-day that he may pour out his blessings in a rich measure also upon the German Congregational work, extending it from frosty Canada to the sunny Gulf, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

Perhaps, my friends, it is of some interest to you if I give you some items of the work of a German missionary's wife. As her husband's salary is a very small one, she, of course, has to do all the housework herself in every detail, and must never get tired to visit the sick, and not forget the healthy. She has to help in Sunday-school, to be present in every meeting, to preside over the Ladies' Society, to teach Bible classes during the week, and, as it was the case with me, to play the organ in church, Sunday-school, and meetings, and to lead the choir; and yet she must not show a worn-out face, but everything will be done cheerfully.

Dear friends, I do not want you to understand this as a complaint. On the contrary, I always thought it a great privilege that our beloved Master favored me to do a little for his sake, and would it not have been for my lacking health, I had never given up an iota of this blessed work; and suppose there should be any one in the audience who is to become a missionary's wife, do not shrink back on account of the duties that are awaiting you and seem to be hard. Your task will become the longer, the dearer to you; and, bear in mind, if all was right, the missionary and his wife would not be needed.

Compared with the large German population, there is only a small number of German Congregational churches in the United States, and so we feel sorry in saying the Germans cannot all be reached, on account of the limited means with which the church has to deal. I urgently request you to help us to carry the message of life also to the Germans in this country, that they may feel the spiritual life of the Pilgrim Fathers. Let us work healthfully and efficiently together, creating a true and real heart union in the English and German Congregational church work, for we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and so we fulfill partly our Lord's commandment, when he says: "Go ye therefore and teach all the nations;" and we know a good Christian is a loyal citizen.

## THREE QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY SUPERINTENDENT EVERSZ

### 1. HOW MANY GERMANS ARE THERE IN THIS COUNTRY?

It is difficult to answer your questions with exactness. From 1820 to 1892 there were 4,730,000 immigrants from the German Empire. Add to this the Germans who are included in immigrants from Russia and Switzerland, and the number of Germans would swell to about 5,250,000. Over against this England, Scotland, and Wales furnished 2,840,000; Ireland, 3,595,000; Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, 1,194,000. I estimate that there are about 7,500,000 of Germans and their children of the first generation in this country. While there are many of these, like myself, who are essentially Americans, that number is, I think, fully equaled by those who have remained German for the second and third generation.

### 2. HOW MANY GERMAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES?

We have 115 German Congregational churches, which are cared for by about seventy pastors.

### 3. WHAT ABOUT YOUR GERMAN COLLEGE?

Wilton German-English College is located at Wilton Junction, Iowa, twenty-seven miles west of Davenport. Students enrolled, 115. Of these thirty-five are German young men, of whom twenty-two have the ministry in view. It has no endowment, only the beginning of a library, and of apparatus to illustrate the natural sciences. It is dependent upon the gifts of its friends for means to carry on its work. We believe that money invested here will go as far as, if not farther than, anywhere else in the production of genuine, intelligent, Christian character. The salaries of our teachers are behind. The promises of the Education Society are considerably in arrears. *We never needed friends there more than we need them now.*



## YOUNG PEOPLE AND HOME MISSIONS ON THE PACIFIC COAST

BY MISS CAROLINE A. POTTER, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

It is a great pleasure to me to be here to-day, and bring you greetings from the young people of the Pacific Coast.

On the night that I left home, after the good-bys had been said, after we had sung "Blest be the tie that binds," and had our Mizpah benediction, just as the train left the station, we looked out over the Bay through our beautiful Golden Gate on a most heavenly sunset—I say heavenly, for it always seems to me a little glimpse into the portals of heaven when the horizon is resplendent with purple and gold and red. I felt that it was a token of God's blessing, that he would go with me, and give me words to speak here to-day. As we traveled through the grand forests of California, Oregon, and Washington, this thought was uppermost: How much God has done for our land in its physical formation, and now he has given to us the great privilege of helping to make its people worthy of their surroundings. Are we making the most of this privilege?

In the Santa Clara Valley, where one may ride through acres and acres of orchards that when the fruit trees are in blossom look like fields of snow, the farmers have devised a plan of setting out young trees between the rows in their orchards that, as the older trees stop bearing and die off, the young trees may be ready to take their places. The women of California try to be as wise as are the farmers. They are organizing the young people. We are proud to follow in their footsteps, but we realize that we shall need great knowledge and great consecration if we are ever to be worthy to take their places.

We work in two ways—through the "Home Missionary Sons and Daughters," and through the Christian Endeavor societies. The Home Missionary Daughters were organized about fourteen months ago, with this motto: "That our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Later, as we found that boys belonged to some of our missionary societies, the name was changed to Sons and Daughters. You cannot expect much of a fourteen-months-old baby. Its mother, the Woman's Home Missionary Union, like all fond mothers, thinks her baby is just about right, and if prayerful, wise guidance will make children all they should be, this child ought to be a prodigy.

We felt, after careful consideration, that as there were quite a number of young people in our churches who did not contribute to missions either through the women's societies or through the Christian Endeavor societies, an effort should be made to reach this class, though we have many members who are also members of the Christian Endeavor societies. We hold bi-monthly meetings, which we try to make as interesting as possible. Our aim is to have an auxiliary in every Congregational church in the State, or else to have that church help us through its Christian Endeavor society. Sometimes we do feel that California missionary societies, like our giant sequoias, are of rather slow growth.

A most interesting work which has been engaging our efforts is that among the Italians. There are 150,000 of them in California. Missions



have been started in several places, and if we only had more money, that we might have more workers, so much might be accomplished. We have been fortunate in having as general superintendent of this work a most consecrated Italian, a converted Roman Catholic. He receives no salary, but he and his blind and deaf wife go from place to place and try to interest their countrymen and lay the foundation for Christian work among them. It is not easy work, for the Italians are very much under the control of their priests ; but it is work that pays, and work we dare not neglect.

We have been hearing much in California of late about the "new woman" and woman's suffrage. It seems to me that we women have a grand opportunity in our hands now, without waiting for the franchise. We can help mold public opinion, we can help purify political life just as surely as, if a little more indirectly than, if we had the ballot. Are we making the most of this opportunity now?

For the past year and a half we have been striving to get more in touch with our Christian Endeavor societies, and with their missionary committees. We have arranged a system of uniform topics, which are published in our *Missionary Banner*, a little paper published jointly by our Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The Christian Endeavorers are not slow in responding to our overtures. It is delightful to work with young people, they are so enthusiastic, sympathetic, and generous—though their generosity is sometimes spasmodic and needs to be educated. They don't know so very much, but they are willing to be taught, and they are unprejudiced. I thank God for the Christian Endeavor Society. This great movement, which started with one small society away up in one corner of our country, has grown in a way that has surprised even the most sanguine. May it not be so with this new graft on the Christian Endeavor movement? At all our Christian Endeavor conventions more and more attention is being given to the cause of missions. Educating young people along missionary lines is like printing chromos. The first time the paper is put under the press only a few shapeless blots appear ; the next time a few more, until finally the picture begins to assume shape, and at last the finished picture is before us. The young people's first ideas of missionary work may be crude, but we believe that patient and faithful work will accomplish great things. Last year the Christian Endeavorers in California gave, with almost no outside assistance, the salary of a home missionary evangelist ; and I learn that the young people in the State of Washington did the same. This year the California Endeavorers are helping the Italian work. Then the dear children, the little children—they, too, are at work, though not all of them. If God had not called me to other work, there is nothing I should like better than to work among the children. When I try to tell them about

our missions, and look down into their dear little upturned faces, it seems to me there is nothing on earth quite so sweet as a little child. Truly, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." I talked to a little company of them a few weeks ago, and tried to tell them how they could be a little rill to swell this grand missionary river, and promised them that I would tell this great meeting that the children of California are at work.

You think of California as a wicked place : that criminals and the most undesirable elements of population flock to its sunny shores. California does need missionary work, and so, they tell me, do Massachusetts and Connecticut. All the money we can raise there, and much more, should be expended right in our own State.

California is rich in gold mines, fertile valleys, and heavily timbered forests ; but, alas ! only a small part of the wealth of California is in the hands of Christian people. The Christians of California are doing their share. I could tell you many stories of their self-sacrifice and their generosity—of one society where the women's gifts to Home Missions averaged five dollars per member. It has been said that in California the mountains, trees, fruits, and stories are all large. We *are* proud of our State, but we are more grateful for the earnest, self-sacrificing spirit among its Christian women and its young people.

When the last great day shall come, and this missionary army from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, shall be marshaled to render up an account, the detachment from California will not be found wanting.



## THE INDIVIDUAL BACK OF THE ORGANIZATION

BY MRS. MARGARET E. SANGSTER

THE individual back of the organization, without whom, indeed, the organization could not exist, needs four requisites for his full equipment. The first of these is, perhaps, information. Nobody is ever interested in that of which he is ignorant. With one's mind a blank as to the needs, the aims, and the successes of any cause whatever, one cannot be in touch with it; it in effect does not exist, nor have the least vitality for those who go on their way, careless, indifferent, and, possibly, in opposition, simply because uninformed. Information is not far to seek. By pen and voice and type, by magazines and papers, and by the lips of eloquent speakers from the field, in conventions, and other meetings, the fullest information is given. Many pass it by; many assert that the literature of missions is dull; but it is dull only because they have not given it their attention. It is a current story of heroism, of

bravery, of romance, which brings a breath of purer air into our common, prosaic world. And the moment we begin to read and listen and assimilate information, that moment we are converts to the cause of Home Missions. We were like those who looked over a photograph album full of strange faces. The faces are strange no longer; they have become friendly now, and are instinct with life and meaning. This is the difference between lack of knowledge and full information.

Born of information comes, naturally, a sanctified conscience, a clear, electric sense of personal responsibility. We cannot shirk our duty, nor shift it to another's shoulders. We it is who must answer to God. We have something at stake. We go to the frontier with the missionary. We drive over the bleak and arid fields, we endure hardship, we encounter danger and privation. It is as when in our war, every wife staying at home was still at the front with her husband, every mother in the army with her soldier boys. The sense of personal responsibility leads us to prayer, to service, to liberal giving. What if it mean a cross?

" Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
And all the world go free? "

In the wake of this sense of personal responsibility comes enthusiasm. This is of the heavens, a divine quality. It supplies motive power, and, as steam to machinery, urges on the matter whatever it be. Woe to the laggards in any enterprise which lacks enthusiasm.

Last of all comes consecration. Is it more than we ought to give, our *all* for Christ—health, strength, love, a full day's work? An organization by itself is a senseless machine, a thing without a soul. Regarded as an association of fully consecrated individuals, it is a thing with a thousand souls, throbbing, living, aspiring, and forever working with the Master for his own for whom he died.



## THE CRISIS IN OREGON

BY MRS. DORA READ BARBER

I HAVE made a good many missionary speeches, though I never made one before with the previous instruction to "blow my own horn." Now I have been requested by Mrs. Caswell to tell of our own work, and so without further preliminary I come immediately to the "rousement."

About a year after we were converted my husband and I felt impelled to go to the missionary field, and because of the great need of

work in Oregon we felt especially drawn thither. A chain of circumstances, perhaps of no especial interest to the audience, brought us at last to a small schoolhouse in a vicinity which was called Pleasant Hill. I never knew what it took its name from, for on one side of the road was a tumbled-down cemetery, and on the other a schoolhouse which we would say in Oregon was "catawampas." I suppose the right word is "out of plumb." It was in this schoolhouse that we began our meeting on a Christmas night. The meeting was not a success the first night, for I had never preached but twice before, and was not accustomed to being amened by an intoxicated listener, which was the case that night; but the second night the boys had sobered up after the usual Christmas Eve debauch, and the meeting was better. One night three young men came to the altar for fun, and while bowing there one of them became powerfully convicted of the sinfulness of his deeds, especially of this one of trifling with God, and he began in earnest to seek forgiveness. He was saved that night, and from that the work went on. About thirty were saved, and most of them were young people.

There had been an appointment at the schoolhouse once a month, but in the winter the roads were so bad as to make it impossible to get to the appointment, and so the people were without the Gospel the most part of the year. It was noised about that we were Congregationalists, and that Congregationalists always kept a minister for each church; so we were importuned on every side to organize a Congregational church.

The next thing to do was to find Superintendent Clapp, so we proceeded with our letter of introduction from Superintendent Warren, of Michigan, to look for him; but he was nowhere to be found. Neither by letter nor by personal effort could we hear from him. He once confessed to me that his silence was due to the fact that he had no money for us, and thought, of course, that was what we wanted; but had he known it was information and not money we sought of him, it would have been forthcoming.

In the absence of anything else we secured a Roy's Manual and organized. We had no salary, but our wants were few, and we "boarded 'round" among the people. It was in the bargain that the man with whom we were boarding should find a conveyance for us to go from one place to another.

One day a man took us four miles up the mountain to a service. He drove a good team hitched to a wagon, and we sat on chairs in the wagon. Going to the service we all backslid, but going down again to our home we gained what ground we lost in going. I walked in the wagon box, carrying my chair about half-way up the mountain for the sake of (or rather, on the account of) sliding back the other half. But we enjoyed the trip, because the man was one whose home had been



closed against the minister, and who, with his wife and four children, has been saved in the meeting.

We got into the home by teaching music to one of the girls. She is now our church organist.

At another time our conveyance was a "cayuse," one of those creatures that kicks up, and stands up perpendicularly, and does a great many other things that I have not words to describe. I started off suddenly and stopped as suddenly, though I did not always stop when the horse did. I soon grew tired of a horse on which I could not depend, and so I bought "Missionary Jo." I took a great deal of comfort with Jo. He was all my own. I bought him when Mr. Barber was gone. I could depend on him every time ; that is, I could depend that he would never lose an opportunity of throwing me over his head when I was not looking for it. I do not know how many times he threw me—I think a moderate estimate would be about twelve times—and I sometimes felt like the German in the stage crossing the mountains. After getting an uncommon hard jolt, he said, "Oh dear, my back is more as five inches higher up !" But Jo always waited so patiently for me while I dusted and rearranged myself that I soon forgave him.

Once, on coming home warm and dusty, I asked if I could have a bath. The lady got a basin of water, a cake of savon soap, and a crash towel, and, putting them on the porch on a splint-bottom chair, said, "There you are !" Our work was not only that of preaching, but there was a large congregation of young people to inspire to something better intellectually. This we tried to do by giving public reading circles, at which we would read a chapter or two from some interesting book, and then tell them we would be glad to lend the book to anyone who would like to read the rest of it. The books we read were quite juvenile at first, but they soon got to enjoying such works as Drummond's "Addresses," "Ben-Hur," and others. The work begun must be carried on, and in the district school were none of the advantages which they needed ; so we took eight of the young men and women in a wagon and trundled up hill and down dell thirty miles to Forest Grove, and put them in school. Not all of them could go through school, but some of them are still working away. One young lady is preparing for the ministry, and another for missionary work.

These are a few of the pleasing and bright sides. There are no dark sides, but there is now and then something that looks a little cloudy. It has been my sad privilege to be the only lady in the death room of an old man in a bachelor's home when he crossed the river. We have often been obliged to bury the dead, when the only comforting thing that could be said was, "He is free from sickness, and the Lord will be your helper." We have often attended three services on Sunday, riding on horseback ten

miles, and eating our lunch in the shade while the boatman brought the ferryboat over for us. One day we had a wedding at nine, a funeral at one, and at eight a revival service, in which more than thirty stood for Christ for the first time.

In short, we have been called upon for almost anything, from pulling a tooth or bandaging a sprained limb, to prescribing for a soul sick of sin; but all these things bring their blessed fruit. The little parish has grown into a field of five churches, three of which have houses of worship, and another is now building.

And now as to the crisis in Oregon. It does look like a crisis when a number of these home missionary churches must be closed for lack of funds; when our faithful superintendent, after prayer and planning with many tears, can find no other way out than to cut down on the work already in progress. But while this work in which we have been engaged has been doing much for others, it has also done much for me. It has brought me to an implicit trust in God, and I believe that this trial of our faith will be a blessing in disguise. I believe God is going in some way to raise up friends for the work, and that it will not suffer long. We have seen many times when just ahead it looked dark, but we trusted in God, and he never failed us; and *I know he will care for his own.*



## THE LITTLE MISSIONARY

### A PERSONAL LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT CLAPP, OF OREGON

I HAVE ordered the Little Missionary to start for New Haven, just as I know you would have me do if you could see her. She was so good and obedient, and so quick to give it all up (though I half suspect not without a tear or two) when it did not seem wise for her to take the long journey, on account of her having so completely broken down, that once she had begun to recuperate it seemed all right to start her off. My wife was more responsible for it than I. I suppose she knew how much a woman's heart would be set on seeing the dear friends about whom she had read so many times, and hearing the burning words right fresh from the lips of the earnest men and women who would be there. I have no doubt that it will do her good, and not harm. Oregon loves this dear Little Missionary more than I can tell you. She is simple and unaffected, and self-forgotten always. She goes everywhere that duty calls; and rain or mud or cold or heat have no influence upon her. She won her way to our hearts when she came galloping in on "Missionary Jo," without saddle or other "trumpery or

foolishness," and just went to work to help win Oregon for Christ; and now for five years she has never remitted her work and prayers for an hour. Where the fight was the thickest, there was our Joan of Arc. She never seemed to know that she was doing anything more than others would do, and never thought that she was accomplishing half as much as she ought, or as others would do in similar circumstances. She has been in revival meetings almost all the time during the fall and winter months, riding Jo through forests and over mountain roads, sometimes alone, while her husband, who is as brave and consecrated as she, would be preaching at other points. She has been tumbled from Jo's back many times—I don't suppose she knows herself how many. She has been landed on top of stumps, being thrown while he was on the dead run, tumbled into fence corners, over sticks and stones and bridges, sometimes being laid up for a few days or weeks for repairs, then out and at it again just as zealous as ever.

Some time I will send you a picture of Jo when I have time to get one taken. For Jo is one of the "forces that make for righteousness" in the State of Oregon. And when the history of its evangelization is written, he will come in for a large share. But just now it is Jo's rider that I want to commend to your watch-care and fellowship.

Be kind to her and love her as she deserves. They have never had more than the most meager salary, but in all the years of their work I have never heard one word of complaint from either her husband or herself.

If she had a thousand dollars a year she would give seven hundred and fifty of it to help the very very poor and to help educate some of the "boys" and "girls" in her numerous parishes.

She is always looking out for bright young men and women, and showing them just how they can go to some school and get an education. She would take her last bonnet off from her head and give it to a promising girl to get her to go to school. She does not know how to "show off," for she has never learned the art; but she has a perfect genius, and so has her husband, for winning souls to Christ. The last thing she did before starting East was to disobey my distinct orders and come into revival meetings that were being held in their church. I ordered her not to show her face inside the church doors while the meeting was going on. But almost every night that I was helping her husband, just as I was about to begin the sermon, she would come in at the back-door, looking like a boy caught stealing apples. Then, as soon as the sermon was over, I would see her somewhere in the back of the church, with her arms around some young lady, showing her what Jesus would do for a lost soul if only it would come to him. If you know of any way to "manage" such a woman as that I wish you would

give me a pointer, as there are a few more of the same kind out here, and somehow my discipline among the troops seems shamefully slack when it comes to this.

Do all you can for Oregon. We are having to drop some more work for lack of funds, and only yesterday I had to send a letter to one of the missionaries, telling him that the State Committee had decided to drop his field for the rest of the year, for lack of funds. What he will do I cannot for the life of me see. He has several children, none of them old enough to do much toward the support of the family. May the Lord pour out his blessing on the meeting, is my prayer.



## NOTES

THE Woman's Department was greeted by a delightfully responsive audience of representative men and women at its session on Wednesday forenoon.

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THE loyal women of the Unions have placed in the treasury of the Society this year, \$58,091.81, an increase over last year of \$10,000. The total amount to the Five National Societies is \$104,507.96. In ten years the organizations have contributed to Home Missions \$777,860.49.

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THE 500 shares on the General Howard Roll of Honor, which were assigned to women on June 6, 1895, were completed June 10, 1896. This means \$50,000 in one-hundred-dollar shares.

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A GENTLEMAN remarked that the responsive exercise, "Fear Not," as rendered by that Michigan lady, Mrs. Powell, President of the Michigan Union, and the great audience, carried him nearer heaven than he ever expected to be on this earth. Copies of this exercise may be obtained by application to 34 Bible House, New York.

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MISS ANNIE A. MCFARLAND, treasurer of the New Hampshire Union, who was appointed Scribe of the meeting, is the granddaughter of the historic Mrs. McFarland who received the inspiration which started woman's work for Home Missions.

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"FULL information on any subject," said Mrs. Sangster, "vitalizes it."

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MISS BRIDGMAN, treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Association, thinks that there are scores upon scores of church members to



whom "the Congregational alphabet" is as meaningless as the hieroglyphics on the obelisk in Central Park.

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A LADY was overheard to remark : " If there should be an examination here on Home Missions, I wonder how many of us would get a certificate ! "

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MISS DYER, of *The Congregationalist*, suggested that interest in Home Missions be aroused by an appeal to the patriotic instincts of people. There are conditions when we would better treat missions in a historical rather than a religious way.

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THERE are in the United States some 500 woman's clubs, numbering many brilliant women. Miss Dyer is confident that these can be interested in missions, if presented from the patriotic, historical side. Leaders of current events classes, for instance, can, with wisdom and tact, show how close is the relation between great events in the world and the missionary operations.

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MRS. HEINZELMANN, a German missionary wife, knows " a great many cases among the Germans, where the head of the family of six or seven earns but one dollar a day, yet contributes his share to the monthly collection." She said "these children would not come to Sunday-school without a penny, and that means much with many children and small wages."

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IT looked like a " crisis " to Mrs. Barber, of Oregon, when Superintendent Clapp came to her and said that in spite of his utmost effort he must abandon ten churches in their field for want of funds.

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THE faith of this missionary was greatly strengthened by the contribution for Oregon, which amounted to \$262.40.

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MISS POTTER, of California, told of a small, poor church in that State, which averaged five dollars per member for Home Missions in one year.

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MRS. MOORE, President of the Tennessee Union, and one of the original jubilee singers, sang, in a clear, sweet voice, " Swing low, sweet chariot," and was greeted with warm applause.

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OUR hearts were brought into close touch with our divine Leader through the prayers of Mrs. Secretary Choate and Mrs. Joseph Ward ; and when Mrs. (Rev.) Dora Read Barber had pronounced the benediction, a

pastor said: "This is the first time I ever received the benediction from a woman, and somehow I feel *blessed* by it."

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THE success of a meeting depends largely upon the tact and good sense of the management at the rear. Very efficient service was rendered this session by Mrs. T. H. Sheldon, of the Center Church, President of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society. In coöperation with Miss Pickens, and ably assisted by F. R. Fisher, the sexton of the church, the rear of the house was kept quiet, and every detail was carefully attended to. The following resolution was presented at the closing session of the Society:

"The Woman's Department wishes to extend hearty thanks to Mrs. T. H. Sheldon, and those ladies who, with her, did so much to make the woman's meeting easy to conduct, and agreeable for the audience. We wish also to testify that the kind and gracious sexton of the church is a man who knows what a woman's meeting needs, and is quick to supply it."

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THE informal reception given by the Ladies' Missionary Society of Center Church was a charming success. The guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. Newman Smythe, assisted by Mrs. T. H. Sheldon, Mrs. R. B. Bradley, and Mrs. J. C. Ritter, officers of the Society.

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FROM THE CONGREGATIONALIST.—"The spirits of John Davenport, James Pierpont, Moses Stuart, Leonard Bacon, and the other early pastors of Center Church, whose virtues and deeds are so permanently and modestly recorded on the many memorial tablets on its walls, must have shivered somewhat, at first, as they contemplated the women praying and teaching in their former pulpit, and pronouncing the benediction. But their final verdict, we must venture to hope, accorded with the sentiment of the living; and even St. Paul, if he had been present, would have found it impossible to be other than edified and gratified."

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNIONS

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Unions was held on Tuesday afternoon, June 2, 1896, in the chapel of the United Church, New Haven, Conn. The exercises were as follows:

Bible Reading.—Mrs. C. L. Goodell.

A Wiser Beneficence.—Miss Annie C. Bridgman.

A New Point of View.—Miss Frances J. Dyer.

The A. M. A. Jubilee.—Miss D. E. Emerson.

Young People's Societies.—Miss Caroline A. Potter.

This meeting was rich in good things, and we would gladly publish every paper, were they not held for further use. We are favored, however, in securing for this issue the address by Miss Bridgman, which was listened to with eager interest from beginning to end.



## SACRIFICE

BY MRS. C. ROWLAND, CLINTON, MICH.

[The following paper, which was read at the annual meeting of the Michigan Union, may appropriately be included in the Woman's Number of our Magazine.—H. S. C.]

IN the rush and hurry of our secular life nowadays, and of our religious life as well, have we not been making some mistakes, both in regard to motive and method, in what I may call the world's work? For subduing the forces of nature and bringing unseen things to light are of minor importance when compared with the work of bringing the world to Christ. That is what our missionaries are trying to do, and you and I belong to the great army of "backers."

Have we not made a mistake in the meaning of the word sacrifice? Does it always mean to give up or to destroy?

I was turning these things over in my mind, trying to fix upon some definition which should cover the whole ground, when I took up the *Sunday-School Times*, and there, among the editorials, I found just what I wanted: "A sacrifice is anything devoted to the service of God." A lady was speaking to me about Mrs. R. "Yes," said she, "Mrs. R. is a devoted Christian; she does a great deal for her own church and for the cause of missions, but do you know she makes no sacrifice, for she is perfectly *happy* in that kind of work." Now the inference is plain, that we must do reluctantly and be miserable in the doing, if our work is to be meritorious. But when we come to put this idea which we have cherished into plain words, it doesn't sound well, does it? Suppose you had a dear friend visiting you, and you should think to give her pleasure by inviting company to tea. You would devote a day or two to preparation, making the house and the table very nice, but groaning all the while because you wanted to be doing something else, spring cleaning perhaps. Then, when the day arrives, you draw on a long face, receive the company with many sighs, wiping away a furtive tear or two as you speak the words of welcome. Do you think those guests would enjoy themselves, or that your friend would be pleased with the "sacrifice" you had made for her benefit? And shall we treat our dearest friend, our Lord and Savior, in a way which would be insulting to an earthly friend?

Now we cannot devote to the service of God anything which is not our own. A woman in one of our Western States left her little boy totally unprovided for and joined the Salvation Army. What a sad mistake she has made! She has left the special work God gave her to do and has taken up another. However good that other work may be, God never can be pleased with such a sacrifice as that. One of the very first things our missionaries teach heathen women is to properly take care of their children and to keep their homes neat and comfortable. A very old-fashioned book says, "Teach the young women to love their husbands and to love their *children*." I think that is a fashion which needs to be renewed, even in this enlightened and progressive age.

That poor boy became a vagrant, and at last found a "home" in the county jail! And do you think that mother was entirely honest with herself? Was her motive a desire to serve God, or only a longing for change and notoriety? After listening to a stirring address, Mrs. A. said to me: "I feel as if I could wear a calico dress from this time on, in order to help that work!" Well, I've seen her since in satin, in several kinds of wool, but never once in a calico dress. It is so easy to sacrifice emotion. We have so much in stock, and taken alone it has no real value. It reminds me of steam. You may get up sixty pounds of steam and it will fizz, and puff, and blow, but if the connecting rod is broken, the machinery will not start. Let us be careful that the connecting links are all right; then, when the tear starts, the hand will move. Some of our plans for raising money for missionary purposes have seemed a little peculiar to me. One is to give all the pennies received in change. These pennies are brought home and dropped in a box through a slit in the top, like a child's bank; as if, could we see how they are accumulating, we should like children be tempted to spend them for ourselves. This is done presumably to cheat ourselves with the belief that we are not losing much. Or we go without table luxuries for a while, and give the money they would cost. At the end of the set time, we are just as well off and our pocketbook is none the leaner. But do not our souls become leaner with all this contriving to get a little money to devote to the service of God without feeling the loss? David said, "I will not sacrifice to the Lord that which costs me nothing." Now I am not condemning any of these plans, if they are necessary; but when I see a woman dressed richly in silk, with bracelets and bangles and bugle trimming, exhorting her sisters to eat cheaper food, I think, Why this waste of vitality? Why not rip off a yard of that trimming and sacrifice that, or one of those nodding feathers and devote that? I do not mean to be fault-finding, but I have always had a distaste for these extraordinary ways of raising money for God's work. I believe if I should set apart a "missionary hen" she wouldn't lay an egg! And I couldn't blame her. A much better way



would be to sell all the eggs and give a portion of the proceeds. These plans all seem to indicate that mission work is not a part of our legitimate business, when in fact it is, and if we neglect it we are disobeying our Lord's direct command. And now, if you will turn to the last chapter of Chronicles, David will tell you all about the sacrifices which are pleasing to God. Five times he mentions the fact that the people gave willingly, and he says of himself, "I have set my affection on the house of my God."

Ah! there is the secret of the whole matter. When all Christians set their hearts on God's work, there will be no further trouble. Obstacles will be removed, debts will melt away, and we shall come up to one of these reunions with great gladness. *Not* to mourn over the lack of funds, oh no, but rather to devise means for reducing our surplus!

"Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"



## A WISER BENEFICENCE

BY MISS ANNA C. BRIDGMAN, BOSTON

WHEN we became Christians we laid at the feet of our Master our hearts and our strength, but, save in exceptional and marked cases, have not the rank and file of the church left to the clergy the loving of the Lord with their minds? None of us are destitute of mental powers, nor are we slow in taxing them, sometimes, unfortunately, to the extent of breaking them, in our home and social life. It is a pleasure to sit down and carefully plan a dainty luncheon for a choice circle of friends. We spend hours with our dressmaker in deciding upon the styles for the new wardrobe. With the greatest zest we take up paper and pen to write an article for the next literary club, on a subject that interests us—the New Woman, for example, or the Present Condition of Affairs in Italy. To arrange a set of toasts for a club dinner is a stimulating mental exercise. To be sure, there has been an advance made in the preparation of programmes for missionary meetings, but perfection has by no means been reached in this line. It is far easier to send to headquarters for a clever speaker, or a file of recent letters from the frontier, than to prepare a series of topics, for example, on the history of the Bohemians, their place in the Old World and their condition in this. It is nothing unusual to see finely printed topics of a Clio Club, or an All-round Dickens Club, possibly engraved with its colors—at all events, with an interesting and studied list of topics for the winter's work. But one gives a little start of surprise to receive, as happily is occasionally the case, a printed list of missionary subjects for a year.

We love the Lord with the side of our mind which touches our secular life, but we fail to love, and to serve—which is a natural sequence of the love—with the side that reaches toward God. I am not entering a protest against women's clubs; I am simply urging you to establish and keep the proper proportion between your time and the Lord's, to honor him with your whole mind.

There is one part of this great subject which we wish to consider more in detail, namely, our contributions for missionary work and our knowledge of it. I venture to assert that very many pastors, and a majority of the church members in our denomination, would find it as difficult to give quickly and correctly the full names and their abbreviated forms of our six national missionary societies as to tell the signs of the zodiac. These societies are the missionary stewards of the Church; they have had a long and noble record for service wisely and broadly performed; not to know their names is as stupid as for a college graduate not to know the names of the trustees of his *alma mater*, or for a statesman to be ignorant of the names of the President and his cabinet. There are scores upon scores of church members to whom the C. S. S. and P. Soc. and the C. C. B. Soc. are as meaningless as the hieroglyphics on the obelisk in Central Park. If we grant, however, that the initials are rather cabalistic, cannot the most ordinary mind be made to understand the difference between a home and foreign missionary society? We rejoice that there is a breaking down of the barriers between the two branches of the one great work that embraces the world, and that the distinctive adjectives are being dropped in some societies; but there is a surprising amount of ignorance on this point in many places and minds. The story is an old one, of the man who said that he did not wish any of his money to go for foreign missions—he did not intend to help the heathen—his money was to be left to the *American Board*. This winter an auxiliary has been found where packing a box was all the women knew of Home Missions, and giving fifty cents a week comprised the sum total of their wisdom upon foreign missions. You will say that this is an extreme case—unfortunately, there are many such extreme cases. A president of a Southern college spoke in the North on the work of the A. M. A., using his school as an illustration of work and its results for the negro race. The pastor then made an appeal for Home Missions, especially to the work among the foreign populations in the West, and then took up a collection for the American Board! There is no clearer discrimination in regard to the differences in the home work. A Sunday-school superintendent in New England is interested in the Mountain Whites because, when he was in the war, especial kindness was shown him by them. After some persuasion he induced his school to give \$100 to the cause in Tennessee, and then sent the check to the Howard Roll of Honor. What do

you think of a church treasurer who sends a letter to the A. M. A. with a check made out to the C. S. S. and P. Soc., when all the time the money was intended for a work outside of the denomination? No doubt this man had often sung, "Thy love the power of thought bestowed, to Thee my thoughts would soar;" but how utterly he had failed to use that power of thought in his position as treasurer of missionary funds. This man is, alas! only a type of many who remember that the Lord's business requires haste, and forget that it demands also brains and loyalty.

This last word, loyalty, strikes at a most suggestive and important point in the discussion. Let us consider why the denomination should be loyal to the missionary societies, and what loyalty requires of the denomination.

*First*, we believe that organization in missionary operations is as essential as system in any department of life. If you run your home without method, the well-being of its inmates suffers. One conspicuous word that greets our eyes in books, papers, and street signs, these days, is coöperation. There is the Coöperative Flower Market Association, the Burglars' Syndicate, and all the united interests that lie between these two lines of business. Combinations are being formed daily among men interested in the same kinds of undertakings, for the purpose of increasing their incomes and building up a gigantic house that shall stand against all the reverses of fortune.

Union brings strength in the money market. It brings wisdom, power, economy, efficiency, in the great missionary trust whose shares are free to all. Not a vast commercial enterprise is the church engaged in, but a building, even a city of habitation into which all the tribes shall enter. The raising of one portion of the walls has been put into the hands of the Congregational family, the members of which must stand shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, mind to mind, if this section is to be built true and strong. To guard the labor of the building, to note the weak points in the walls, to hasten the work in the quarter where the enemy is encamped, there are stationed on the watchtowers, and have been since the days of Paul and Barnabas, men to whom is intrusted the supervision of the operation. These watchmen to-day are known as the officers of our missionary societies—the secretaries, directors, committees. The greatest possible care is given in their selection. Business ability, perfect uprightness, keen judgment, statesmanlike qualities, are considered and weighed before appointments are made. Do you know the *personnel* of our boards? Lawyers, bankers, manufacturers, railroad magnates, presidents of insurance companies, names that rank high in *Bradstreet*, are on the lists. Success has attended them in their chosen calling; freely, generously, do they give the benefit of their trained business minds to the Lord's work. Hours and hours every month are spent in committee and

sub-committee work, visits are made to the distant fields, conditions and needs are thoroughly investigated, shams are revealed, and leaks exposed. Prudential reasons alone should compel the denomination to intrust a much larger per cent. of its gifts to these men for distribution. When Agabus told the little band of Christians in Jerusalem that there was to be a famine in the land, did each disciple send unto his own special friend in Judea whatever he could spare? No; they all thought about the matter, and then determined to send relief by the hands of Paul and Barnabas; and we do not learn that they ever repented of the act. Let us have a mind to follow their example.

What does loyalty require of the denomination?

On the part of the pastors, a clear, accurate knowledge of the fields allotted to each society, its distinctive aims and features, and a line-upon-line presentation of these facts to the churches. On the part of the people there is needed an annual contribution, however small, to each society, and a determination to strengthen their minds by a regular diet of brain food, inexpensive and nourishing—namely, the so-called and miscalled “dry” missionary literature. But this is not sufficient. The urgency of the times demands from the entire denomination a courageous mind that will dare to say “No!” to promiscuous appeals. The work of philanthropic organizations and associated charities is becoming more and more a scientific work, to which the strongest intellects are devoting constant study. We know how earnestly they deprecate indiscriminate giving. Christianity has much to learn in this direction from philanthropy. The advance made in the last half-century in the solution of the awful problem of pauperism is a striking proof of what educated minds can accomplish in alleviating the condition of the worthy poor. It is a sad commentary on the mental capacity of the church that “unscientific,” “haphazard,” are the adjectives often needed to fitly describe its beneficent undertakings. Octavia Hill, whose noble work in housing the London poor has made every woman’s heart rejoice, warns her co-laborers to see that what they do is not simply *benevolent*, wishing well, but is also *beneficent*, doing well. Ruskin puts the same thought in another way when he says that “valor is derived from *valere*, to be well, or strong—strong in life or valiant, if a man; strong for life or valuable, if a thing. To be truly valuable is to avail toward life: in proportion as it does not lead toward life, as its strength is broken, it is less valuable; in proportion as it leads away from life, it is unvaluable or malignant.” These are serious words, and well worth careful pondering. Money is too hardly earned in these days, there are too many ways for it to be made useful, for us to fail to make every dollar valuable. Unintelligent, emotional giving on the part of a church, an auxiliary, an individual, cannot be too strongly condemned. When retrenchment is an oft-heard word that haunts our



missionaries the world around, when debts hang over our societies like a pall, wasted, misspent giving must be stopped. Is it your custom to give to every man, woman, and child who knocks at your kitchen door with a plaintive and probably made-up tale of woe? A fear possibly arises that he will take revenge upon you if you do not aid him, so you try to purchase peace of mind by handing him a quarter; but your conscience must be very fast asleep if before night it does not prick you for wasting twenty-five cents, encouraging begging, and helping to make another pauper. This is a parallel case to the indiscriminate giving that is becoming a deadly enemy to our missionary work. In rare instances we may turn away from both the front and back door a worthy object, but if we are too indolent to take the pains and time to investigate the case we have no right to give to it.

A glib tongue and an attractive manner have a great drawing power, so that we perchance give generously to an orphanage in one section that is under most irresponsible management, or make a donation to a man who travels from another to gather funds for a church—a proceeding which the watchmen of the C. C. B. Society, knowing all the facts in the case, utterly repudiate. What is true of house-to-house appeals is also true of church collections. The most magnetic speaker, he who can tell tear-drawing tales of destitution, is the one who is apt to receive the largest gift.

The extravagance and ineffectiveness of independent work are surely evident to all. Will you not try in your own circle of influence to remedy this evil?

If misappropriated money were the only result of this thoughtless giving, the case would be serious enough; but the pledged work suffers sadly from the folly. It is no wonder that the last year was a hard one to the friends of missions, for we learn from the advanced sheets of the forthcoming Year Book that the 5,482 Congregational churches in the land have given to the six national societies, this last year, only a little more than twice as much as they gave to other objects. We would not set up denominational loyalty as a fetish, and say that *all* our gifts must go into the treasuries of our own organizations; but we do contend that Congregationlists are too easy-going and good-natured. Their much-boasted liberal spirit and love for *all* the brethren has caused them to forget the cultivation of a proper amount of family pride.

Who has any patience with the rich man on Fifth Avenue who allows his mother to exist in the poorhouse, or with the woman who endows a college and neglects the needs of her own kin? Honor and honesty demand that we sustain more royally our brothers and sisters, who are in the South, the West, and far-off Eastern lands.

From all sides rings out the appeal for larger gifts; varied are the

devices for increasing interest in and enlarging donations for missionary operations. There is wealth in the land, there is consecrated wealth in the church, which has been generously given for the debts of the societies recently.

In order to drop now and forever those ominous words, debt and retrenchment, from the record of the Lord's work, let us as a denomination think on these things.

The celebration of Memorial Day, last week, recalled the dark days, the brave acts, the glorious victories of thirty years ago. Did your brothers and neighbors recklessly dash to the front to assail the enemy, here and there, as they chose? Ah, no! Can you not even now see the straight lines of the blue-coated boys as they marched through the streets, *keeping step* to the martial music, each regiment, as one man, going forth at its general's orders to conquer or to die for the stars and stripes?

Women of the homeland organizations, true service have you rendered in these years of united effort; conquests have you achieved. Let us now all go forward to make our best work better, to carry our banner, which is love, ever unfurled, and to inscribe upon it fellowship and fidelity!



## BIBLE READING

BY MRS. C. L. GOODELL, BOSTON

LUKE xix: 1-10.—These few verses contain an incident in the life of our Lord with which we are all familiar, but before we come to the incident itself we find a most instructive lesson. We read, "Jesus entered and passed through Jericho." He was *passing through*. It was not his purpose to stop there; he was aiming at another destination. But he was detained, and the result we have in the account that follows.

Many of our Lord's important works may be termed wayside ministries. As he was going from one place to another, he often lingered wherever he saw an opportunity to bless or cheer a human being. Sometimes he ministered to the body, sometimes to the soul. In this he gave a beautiful example to us. Every day, everywhere, if we have the spirit of him who went about doing good, opportunities will open, when God will use us in ways we little dreamed of. It may be only a word, a touch, and some heart will be uplifted and blessed, just because we chanced to be passing that way.

There is more in this than we think. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." Wherever he went, men could see Christ in his conduct and bearing.

It is related of St. Francis that, one day, as he stepped down into the cloisters of his monastery, he said to a young monk : " Brother, let us go into town to-day and preach." So they went forth, conversing together as they went. They wound their way along the principal streets, through the lowly alleys, to the outskirts of the town, and to the village beyond. Returning to the monastery gate, the young monk said : " Father, when shall we begin to preach?" Francis, looking down kindly upon the young man, replied : " My child, we have been preaching while we were walking. We have been seen, looked at, our behavior has been remarked, and so we have delivered a morning sermon."

Turning now to the narrative recorded in the remaining verses, we find the story of a simple conversion. We learn much in the Gospels from Christ's dealings with the multitudes ; but when we carefully note his dealings with an individual, we seem to draw nearer to him ourselves, and can more easily understand the personal touch of our Lord.

The scene here described is an ordinary one, in many respects, yet in others a rare and conspicuous one. As Jesus was passing along, a crowd of curious spectators had gathered, made up probably of scribes and Pharisees and lawyers, a class who on other occasions had criticised him because he mingled with the common people. Our attention is suddenly directed to one person. " Behold a man," etc. Let us look carefully, and see what we can learn about him.

His name is Zaccheus. He is spoken of as " chief among the publicans." Jericho was a Levitical city and the residence of a great many priests. Its position in the import and export trade between the two sides of the Jordan made it also a city of publicans. The collection of taxes required a strong force of workmen to be stationed there. Zaccheus probably stood at the head of such a force. He was a rich man. Rich people were not, as a rule, those that followed Christ. Here was an exception. Christ had lately shown how hard it was for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

It does not appear that Zaccheus had previously any serious concern for religious truth ; but, having heard of this wonderful man, and the marvels he had accomplished, he was now moved with curiosity to see him. So he ran before and climbed up into a sycamore tree, for he was little of stature and could not see over the shoulders of others. Very likely others in this crowd had this same curiosity, but Zaccheus was more in earnest than the rest, and his zeal met with a quick reward.

Jesus did not ordinarily study to show himself—was not carried aloft in a procession as some dignitaries have been. He did not ride in an open chariot as princes do ; but, like any common man, he walked among men. It was the day of his humiliation.

At the same time, he was always found of them that sought him.

Zaccheus was not more alert to see Christ than Christ was to see Zaccheus ; for he had no sooner gained his place of view, than Christ's eye searched him out. We read that, "When Jesus came to place, he looked up and saw him."

What, do you suppose, were Christ's thoughts just then? Perhaps he was thinking, There is a soul that is seeking me. He has this world's goods in abundance, and position among men, but these things do not satisfy him ; he is restless, and craves something higher and more enduring. His spiritual nature is hungry. He hardly knows what he wants, but *I* know—and I have that to give him that the world knows not of. I believe I will stay a while here in Jericho on his account. I will go to his house and meet him alone. Apart from the crowd, he will open his heart to me, and be ready to receive from me the spiritual manna of which, if a man eat, he shall never hunger. And so Christ said to him : "Zaccheus, make haste and come down, for to-day I must abide at thy house."

Imagine his surprise at hearing Jesus call him by name ! He might have answered, as Nathaniel did, "Whence knowest thou me?" Oh, but the Lord knoweth them that are his !

"Zaccheus made haste and came down and received him joyfully." Here was the beginning of his conversion. St. John writes : "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

Oh, to have heard all that passed between them as they talked together that day ! We read that "Zaccheus stood and said unto the Lord," etc. He did not carelessly recline upon his couch, as he might have done in the presence of an equal, but his attitude was reverent and humble. A single verse contains all that he said, but what a volume is there ! "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor." Not, *will* I give in my will, when I die, but I give *now*. Possibly he had heard about the directions Christ gave another rich young man, to sell that he had and give to the poor, and how he went away sorrowful. So he was saying to himself : Such shall not be my case. If I have been selfishly hoarding my riches, unmindful of those less favored about me, I will give all the more freely now. I will give half of all I possess ! This was a very large proportion for benevolence. Can we easily find a parallel to-day? The majority of Christians probably feel, if they give a tenth to the Lord, they have met the requirements of duty. But Zaccheus went still further. He said : "If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold." He did not say, If I am sued at law and compelled to do it, but I will do it voluntarily.

What was Jesus' reply to these words of Zaccheus ? "This day is salvation come to this house." He did not ask him if he was penitent for his sins ; if he loved him, even ; if he was submissive to his will. Looking



into his heart, however, he could see all this and more. The Christian graces show themselves differently in different people. With some, love is more prominent ; with others, faith or penitence. With Zaccheus, it was the *grace of benevolence*. It has been said that a man's purse is the last thing to be converted. With Zaccheus, it was the first.

Christ finds many avenues to the heart, and it is well to keep them all open. But we cannot lay too much stress upon this grace of benevolence. It is interesting to notice how Paul magnified it when he held up the Macedonian churches as examples to the Christians at Corinth. "We make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, how that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." (2 Cor. viii. 1-4.) Then, by way of incentive, he says to them : "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge, . . . see that ye abound in this grace also." "See," or see to it. As if he had said : "This will never come about of itself ; it will require careful planning. See to it ; do not let the matter drift."

But this is not all. He adds (ix. 8), "God is able to make all grace abound toward you ; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." He implies that this grace of benevolence does not depend upon our efforts alone. God must give it to us, and make it abound. It is a gift of God, as truly as faith, or love.

Was it an act of self-denial on the part of Zaccheus to give up half his goods ? Of course it was. To be sure, he was rich, and might have had enough left to make him comfortable ; nevertheless, like other rich men, no doubt he loved his money, and hated to part with it. But he had caught the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

He was learning to exercise this Christ-like grace of benevolence.

"True giving is not the throwing away of that which we do not want and shall never miss. But it is the consecrating to noble uses that which is very dear to us, that which has cost us much."

What we wait for, dear friends, and are looking hopefully to see, is the consecration of the vast money-power of the world to the work, and cause, and kingdom of Jesus Christ. God grant we may each have a part in bringing this about, both by word and by example !

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"HASTE ! Men grow weary, waiting  
For the servants who should bring  
Their burdened, famished, longing souls  
A message from the King."

—*Golden Rule.*

## FOR THE SILVER CIRCLE

BY MRS. H. M. UNION

## A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

THE Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Plymouth Church, Des Moines, Iowa, is indebted to Miss Otis, an officer of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, for a very artistic, interesting, and impressive home missionary meeting, given at her own residence. Miss Otis, representing Martha Washington, gave her guests a most cordial welcome in rooms liberally decorated with flags, pictures, and curios, to remind them of the great events in American history, from the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers to the present day. The rooms were lighted with candles in antique candlesticks of various patterns. Assisting this modern Martha Washington, all in costume, were George Washington, Master John Parke Custis, Miss Nellie Custis, Miss Mary Phillipse, Dollie Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Jessie Fremont, General Sherman, General Warren, Miles Standish, John Alden, and Priscilla. Miss Phillipse many times reminded the company of her opportunity to become Lady Washington. The devotion of John Alden to Priscilla might have been painful in the presence of Miles Standish, had not the manners of the latter put the entire company at ease.

Among the relics of the Revolutionary period were a mask used in the battle of Bunker Hill, and a brass pan from the massacre of Fort Wyoming. From the War of 1812 were a mask, sword, and hat. From the Civil War, a sword used at Vicksburg, a sword and shell from the battlefield of Gettysburg, a fork from the battlefield of Corinth, a sword of General Weaver, a jeweled sword of General Given, a ring made from the first cannon fired at Fort Sumter; a flag of truce used in the exchange of prisoners, made from a hospital sheet; a knife made in Libby Prison, and a ring in Andersonville. There was also a bullet from Custer's battlefield. A spinning-wheel, flax-wheel, and a substantial New England dinner reminded us of an earlier period of life.

The Indian life in America was represented by an Indian girl in costume—Bright-Eyes Wolf—at the door of her wigwam, about which were relics from Alaska and several Indian tribes.

John Chinaman sent his sister, Ah Yane, he being too busy fighting the Japs. She brought the flag the Chinese invented when they went to war with the Japs—a yellow ground, with a large black dragon in the center, and a small red sun in one corner. She also brought, with other things, a pair of those pitiful little shoes worn by the women of her country.

After two hours spent at supper and looking at the curiosities, we were seated and listened to the programme of the evening. General Warren sang several solos, to the delight of the company. Dr. Frisbie offered prayer, followed by an enthusiastic address by Mrs. Drake, formerly of Dakota. She told the story of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. Aunt Chloe, in native garb, told of missionary work among the negroes. Bright-Eyes Wolf presented the cause of the Indian. Cindy Come-and-go-fetch-it presented the cause of the Mountain Whites. Ah Yane talked of the Chinese, while little ten-year-old Katie quite broke our hearts with her simple story of Mormon life.

After an offering for Home Missions, some of the natives sang "Wing Tee Wee," "Indian Cradle Song," "My Old Kentucky Home," and "Sword of Bunker Hill." The programme concluded, we took leave of our hostess and returned to our comfortable homes, thankful that they were in Christian civilization, and praying God to bless our offering for the relief of our burdened Home Missionaries.



## MORE HOLES IN THE BUSYBODY PURSE

SOME years ago I read the following yarn. A young lady, on receiving a proposal, said: "Oh, Charles, I could live on bread and water if I could be with you." He replied: "Well, if you will get the bread, I guess I can scratch around and get the water."

That was for years a time-honored joke, the essence of silly sentiment, until I came to be a guest in the Busybody home in the great Northwest—the land of hard alkali water and no cisterns. Bread or flour costs the Busybodies at the rate of ninety cents per month. Cisterns are not made because they freeze, so ice at a dollar a load, or its equivalent, four barrels of cleansed water from the mill, at twenty-five cents per barrel, are used to do the washing for the month. When the ice is gone and the mill not running, Rev. Mr. B. turns charioteer and brings water from some pump, after getting permission of the owner. That proposal evidently took place in this region, for while bread costs ninety cents, the water for washing alone costs a dollar per month. My estimation of that young man has risen immensely, for he had a hard task before him, and so have all the women of the frontier who have to use hard water softened with "consecrated lye," as Mrs. B. called it when a child. She now has to be consecrated or lose temper when, on a visit to sisters in a distant city, they tell her her "clothes look as if in mourning."

It is like every other blessing ; we do not realize its value till it is gone. And only when someone has tried the experiment of doing without will she understand what a comfort and blessing it is to have a real cistern filled with real rain-water at hand, to use as freely as she desires.

There goes the door bell ! Mrs. B. puts the baby down and goes to the door, there to find a shy young man who asks, " Is the pastor at home ? " Yes ; Mrs. B. knows that shy manner, and as she goes to summon the dominie, visions of what she will buy with that wedding fee fly through her mind—that rocking-chair so much needed, or that upholstery she has waited so long for ; or, maybe it can be put aside for that organ they would enjoy so much to have. Parson B. sights the young man and thinks it a call to preach some funeral sermon, and immediately begins to select some suitable text. Just imagine their surprise when the young man explains, " Will you please give me a cup of coffee ? " No offer to work ; the only excuse given is, " I came here too early. "

Pastor B. stops his work, cares for baby while Mrs. B. prepares a meal, then he gets his wraps and goes out with the young man, and tries to find employment. The meal is a great drain on the larder. As many as three or four a day, and for a week at a time, men straggle up for food. One year Mrs. B. succeeded in beguiling thirty-five cents from them for Home Missions ; but that was before these " hard times. "

A carriage stops at the door, and who can that be ? A trembling old man alights and asks to sell a book.

Wealth is not one of the many blessings the Busybodies enjoy, but to help him Mrs. B. says she will take a book of songs. Then comes the questions : " Can I stay all night ? " " Can I put my horse in your barn ? " They were getting ready to move, and had just done the last washing. This arrival means two extra sheets, pillow-case, towel, and napkin, a good supper and breakfast, and feed for the horse.

At night Mrs. B. is requested to flannel and help a sick man to bed. The morning finds him better, and now, " Please sew that flannel to my shirt-band. " " Help me with this or that. " " Let me take your comb and brush, for I have none, " and at last he is ready for breakfast. Then he departs, leaving his thanks. A stranger to them, but it was a " cup of cold water " to one of our Lord's feeble ones.

It is a mystery how they are able to pass on the favors they do ; but they always seem to have enough to eat, although it makes Mrs. B. use her wits, and turn every way to give the family good, wholesome, but plain living.

They are not able to lay aside much, if anything, for future use, but they try to rest on the promise : " My God shall supply all your needs. "

Pastor Busybody and wife are only one of the hundreds of home missionary couples all through the North and West who are denying



themselves to keep the Lamp of Life burning, if even feebly, in these small churches. The day for sacrifice is not past, and the Home Missions of to-day have a good chance to exercise great self-denial in many ways, "unheralded and unsung."

GO, PREACH!—To all believers the divine command is that we outgrow our babyhood—cease to be mere objects of care, and become caretakers; that we enter into that divine plan which takes in the whole church, the whole world, the whole age. We must be satisfied with the hope that has its anchorage in Scripture promises, do our duty, and leave results with God. The stress of the command is on *occupation, evangelization*. A loyal servant or soldier obeys implicitly orders that are implicit. *Our* marching orders are: "Go, preach!"—REV. DR. A. T. PIERSON.

SPECIAL NOTICE

MISS M. D. MOFFATT, who has had large experience in the "slum work" of our cities, in the isolated or rural work of our New England States, and as General Missionary in Oklahoma, has recently returned from the West. Arrangements can be made for her to speak on Home Missions to churches, ladies' societies, Christian Endeavor unions, etc., by writing to Rev. C. W. Shelton, Derby, Conn., or to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, Bible House, New York.

THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71

OF these June receipts, \$3,100 were from subscribers to the General Howard Roll of Honor, and \$406.61 were "specials for the debt." At its July meeting the Executive Committee voted that this amount (\$3,506.61) be paid upon the debt of April, 1895, reducing the amount still due thereon to \$39,266.27.

Our readers will not need to be reminded that the annual "dry

season" for this and other benevolent society treasuries has fully set in. With business at a standstill, congregations scattered, pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, and church officers seeking needed rest and recuperation at the seaside and in the mountains, the tide of offerings falls to its lowest ebb.

Yet there are churches that gather their fullest numbers and receive their largest income in these hot months; there are wage-earners whose pay the summer heat does not shrink; there are Christian men and women blest of God with comparative independence of "the market;" there are busy executors to whom the summer's lull in business gives time for settling estates under their care. To these, and to all friends of Home Missions, as God has prospered them, we earnestly and fraternally appeal for such aid as they may find it in their hearts to render in this time of special need. And may God bless every cheerful and timely giver.



## THE GENERAL O. O. HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR

Previously acknowledged, 887; subscriptions added below, 18; total number of shares, 905.

A FRIEND, Groton, Mass.

A FRIEND, Pittsfield, Mass.

FIRST CHURCH, Spencer, Mass., three shares.

IN MEMORY OF WM. READ SHEDD, by a Friend, Wells River, Vt.

MARGARET J. EVANS, by Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Tolland, Conn.

Mrs. M. A. KEEP, Oberlin, Ohio.

Mrs. F. R. PRATT, Eddyville, Mass.

A FRIEND, Connecticut.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Nelson, N. H., by four sons and daughters.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Newton Highlands, Mass.

DIME BANKS FROM SOUTH AND FIRST CHURCHES, Concord, N. H.

D. M. ROGERS, New Britain, Conn.

Mrs. REV. DR. G. W. PHILLIPS, Rutland, Vt., by Congregational Church.

Mrs. J. B. PAGE, Rutland, Vt., by Congregational Sunday-school.

CHRISTIAN UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Upper Montclair, N. J.

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FIRST CHURCH, CHELSEA, MASS. (erroneously reported before).

## RECEIPTS IN JUNE, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 234 to 236

## MAINE—\$25.50.

Skowhegan, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by A. T. Colby..... \$25 50

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$676.56; of which legacies, \$297.81.

N. H. H. M. Soc., by Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treas.:  
Manchester, Legacy of Chester B. Southworth..... 247 81

N. H. H. M. Soc., by Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treas.:  
Of which \$50, Legacy of S. S. Barker of Pelham..... 207 20

F. C. I. and H. M. Union of N. H., Miss A. A. McFarland, Treas.:  
Merrimac Conference, for the debt. 50 00

Durham, Woman's Miss. Soc., by Miss C. E. Buzzell..... 10 00  
Goffstown, by D. Grant..... 5 90  
Kingston, Rev. W. A. Patten, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor..... 100 00  
New Hampshire, A Friend, "B."..... 3 00  
New Ipswich, by I. E. F. Marsh..... 2 69  
Penacook, by L. M. Currier..... 15 85  
Walpole, by C. E. Sparhawk..... 34 11

## VERMONT—\$1,117.71.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. R. P. Fairbanks, Treas..... \$375 11  
Bellows Falls, Ladies' Union..... 12 89  
Bennington, No. Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund..... 5 00  
Brandon..... 10 00  
Brattleboro, West, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund..... 10 00  
Whatsoever Circle..... 5 00  
Burke, East..... 3 20  
Burlington..... 20 76  
First, Y. L. M. S., for Salary Fund..... 6 51  
Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund..... 10 00  
Cambridgeport, Y. P. S. C. E..... 1 10  
Clarendon, East..... 2 80  
Danville..... 14 75  
Keeler's Bay..... 7 00  
Lyndonville..... 5 00  
McIndoes Falls..... 9 00  
Newbury..... 5 00  
Norwich..... 8 00  
Pittsford..... 30 00  
Randolph Center, Homeland Circle..... 5 00  
Richmond, Homeland Circle..... 5 52  
St. Albans..... 14 15  
Stowe, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund..... 7 23  
St. Johnsbury, North Ch., for Salary Fund..... 25 00  
South Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund..... 5 00  
South Ch., A Friend..... 1 00  
Springfield..... 15 00  
Swanton..... 10 85

Westminster, Mrs. C. W. Thompson..... \$5 00  
In Memory of William Read Shedd, of Wells River, by "A Friend," Gen. Howard Roll of Honor. 100 00  
By Friends..... 2 00

\$736 87

Brattleboro, Dying gift of Miss Mary Elizabeth Van Doorn, by Mrs. H. V. D. Brown..... 80 00  
Danville, Mrs. U. B. Kittredge, for the debt..... 1 40  
Lyndonville, by W. C. Tyler, Treas. Vt. Dom. Miss. Soc..... 2 00  
New Haven, A Friend..... 50 00  
St. Albans, by H. M. Stevens, with previous cont. for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor..... 131 00  
By H. M. Stevens, for the debt..... 5 00  
South Royalton, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. G. Whitham..... 6 44  
Springfield, by B. F. Aldrich, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor..... 100 00  
Vermont, F. J. Fowler..... 5 00

## MASSACHUSETTS—\$2,655.22.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.:  
By request of donors, of which \$700 Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, special for the debt, \$174.21 \$884 82  
For work among foreigners in the West..... 981 51

1,866 33

Woman's H. M. A. Mass., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:  
Baldwinsville, Ladies' Miss. Circle, for the debt..... 31 00  
Amherst College, add'l, by E. S. Hall Boston, Mt. Vernon Ch., by T. Y. Crowell, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor..... 100 00  
W. G. Wilde, for Salary Fund..... 50 00  
Brocton, Rally, by Rev. C. W. Shelton..... 16 50  
Dorchester, Miss M. D. Binford's S. S. class in Pilgrim Ch..... 5 00  
Gilbertville, Young People's Mission Circle, by T. Crawford, special.... 39 50  
Lowell, A Friend..... 1 00  
Middleborough, S. S. of Central Ch., by Dr. E. S. Hathaway..... 7 18  
Monson, by E. F. Morris..... 24 00  
Rochester, E. F. Leonard, of which \$25 for the debt..... 50 00  
Sheffield, by Dr. A. T. Wakefield.... 7 56  
South Hadley, Y. W. C. A. of Mt. Holyoke College, by M. C. Gay... 55 45  
Silver Circle, Mt. Holyoke College, Miss M. Allen, \$5; Miss J. Clauson, \$5; Miss F. M. Hazen, \$5... 15 00  
Springfield, Memorial Ch., by H. W. Bowman..... 101 22  
Hope Ch., by R. R. Upson..... 52 88  
Hope Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., by E. A. Root..... 14 60  
The Opportunity Club of the South Ch., by I. King..... 15 00

West Springfield, Ethan Brooks, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$100 00
Worcester, Samuel R. Heywood, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
[Erratum: Greenwich, H. M. Woods, \$100, erroneously ack. under Conn. in April Home Missionary.]	

## RHODE ISLAND—\$528.00.

East Providence, Newman Ch., to place the name of the Ch. and Miss A. E. Shorey on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by J. W. Rice, Tr. R. I. H. M. Soc.....	200 00
Providence, Miss M. C. Hackett, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by J. W. Rice, Treas. R. I. H. M. Soc.....	200 00
G. R. McAuslan, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Slatersville, Samuel O. Tabor.....	10 00
Tiverton Four Corners, by J. D. Humphrey.....	18 00

## CONNECTICUT—2,536.61; of which legacies, \$952.98.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec..	19 87
Berlin, Extra-Cent-a-Day Band, by Miss J. Hovey.....	36 00
Bridgeport, Miss R. J. Curtis.....	2 00
"Connecticut, A Friend," special, Mrs. J. E. Northrop.....	50 00
"Connecticut, Extra Contribution.".....	25 00
Enfield, J. Parsons.....	2 00
Fairfield, Estate of Burr Osborn, by J. W. Morehouse, Ex.....	39 67
Farmington, Estate of Rev. T. K. Fessenden, by H. M. Cowles, Ex..	500 00
Greenwich, Steep Hollow, Union S. S., by Miss S. H. Mead.....	2 00
Hartford, Park Ch., by W. E. Smith. Roland Mather.....	43 38
Two Friends, General Howard Roll of Honor.....	500 00
Students' Assoc. Theol. Sem., by G. W. Fiske.....	100 00
Jewett City, From Estate of H. L. Johnson, by H. L. Johnson, Ex..	24 10
New Hartford, North Ch., by F. B. Jones.....	413 31
New Haven, Annual Meeting, A Friend.....	18 23
Norwich, Mrs. G. D. Coit, for the debt.....	1 00
Portland, First Ch., in full to const. Rev. W. W. Smith a L. M., by H. Kilby.....	5 00
Putnam, Second, by E. F. Whitmore, special for the debt.....	34 85
Rockville, G. Angell.....	30 00
Simsbury, by A. J. Holcomb.....	1 00
South Britain, by G. W. Mitchell....	25 50
Southington, S. S., by E. N. Walkley.	10 00
South Norwalk, by E. Beard.....	13 46
Stamford, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Miss M. D. Moffatt, for work in Okla.....	231 07
Stony Creek, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss B. M. Wallace.....	30 00
Terryville, by A. B. Beach.....	2 00
Thomaston, First, by H. A. Welton....	100 00
Thompsonville, Dennis Pease.....	2 67
Tolland, by E. S. Agard, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Wallingford, by J. N. Platt.....	28 50
West Cornwall, D. L. Smith and friends.....	40 00
Woodmont, Homer Tuttle & Son.....	6 00

NEW YORK—\$1,402.87; of which legacies, \$713.09.

Received by Rev. E. Curtis:	
Black River and St. Lawrence Assoc.....	\$8 51
Corning.....	17 88
Norfolk.....	4 00

\$30 39

## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J.

Pearsall, Treas.:	
Central Assoc., Annual meeting.....	\$4 62
Coventryville, for the debt..	2 00
Henrietta.....	10 00
Holland Patent.....	3 23
Homer, Silver Circle.....	5 00
In Memory of Dea. B. W. Payne, by Mrs. S. A. Payne, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Hudson River Assoc., Annual meeting.....	9 85
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, S. W. W.....	4 00
North Java.....	3 00

141 70

Angola, A. H. Ames.....	5 00
Brooklyn, S. S. of the Tompkins Avenue Ch., by P. Palmer.....	100 00
Mon. Con. Tompkins Avenue, by P. Palmer.....	21 40
Parkville Ch., by Rev. W. A. Kirkwood.....	4 60
S. S. of the South, by De H. Bergen	25 00
L. N. Chapin, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Rev. Lyman Abbott, D.D., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
A Friend.....	4 40
Buffalo, Niagara Square, People's Ch., on account of Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	66 00
Plymouth Y. P. S. C. E., by A. L. Grein.....	5 00
Hopkinton, Balance of Legacy of Jason Brush, by Charles H. Brush, Ex.....	100 00
Lewiston, Estate of Abigail Peck, by G. E. Wilcox, Ex.....	613 09
Lysander, Jr. C. E. Soc., Rally, by J. L. Keedy.....	2 00
Newark Valley, E. B. Sykes, for debt	1 00
Niagara Falls, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by M. F. McConnell, for Salary Fund.....	14 00
Northville, S. S., by H. Tuce.....	15 12
Remsen, Mrs. H. J. Owen.....	1 00
Richmond Hill, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Union Ch., by Miss G. C. Reis.....	10 00
Riverhead, by Rev. W. I. Chalmers..	10 23
Smyrna, Mrs. H. M. Dixon, Silver Circle.....	5 00
Syracuse, Plymouth Ch. Bible School, by G. L. Hamilton.....	25 94
Ticonderoga, M. E. Shattuck.....	2 00

## NEW JERSEY—\$870.03.

Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Assoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:	
Montclair, First, for Salary Fund..	75 00
Chatham, S. S. and Ladies' Soc., by W. F. Cooley.....	9 30
Glen Ridge, by M. G. Belloni.....	180 46
Montclair, First, by F. T. Bailey....	337 44
Newark, First, by Dr. W. E. Holt....	17 83
Westfield, by J. R. Connoly.....	250 00



## PENNSYLVANIA—\$604.14; of which legacy, \$500.

Woman's Home Miss. Union of the N. J. Assoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:	
Philadelphia, Central Ch., for Salary Fund.....	\$64 14
Albion, by Rev. D. H. Christy.....	4 40
Bangor, The Juveniles of the Welsh Ch., by J. Williams.....	10 00
Philadelphia, Estate of Miss E. A. Ewing, W. Foster, Ex.....	500 00
Scranton, D. E. Hughes.....	18 60
Spring Brook, Welsh Ch., by G. Lougher.....	7 00

## MARYLAND—\$10.00.

Baltimore, Second, by Rev. E. T. Root.....	4 00
Frostburg, by Rev. G. W. Moore....	6 00

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$3.00.

Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Assoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:	
Washington, First.....	3 00

## VIRGINIA—\$17.35.

Falls Church, First, by A. C. Rorebeck.....	17 35
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## WEST VIRGINIA—\$10.

Ceredo, by Rev. G. Gadsby.....	10 00
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## GEORGIA—\$5 00.

Demorest, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by O. Van Hise.....	5 00
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## ALABAMA—\$2.50.

Tallassee, Tallassee and Texas Union, Central, Equality Ch., Kent, Mt. Olive Ch., and Verbena, Union Ch., by Rev. A. C. Wells.....	2 50
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## FLORIDA—\$28.72.

Key West, First, by Rev. C. W. Frazee	16 10
Melbourne, First, by Rev. E. W. Butler.....	12 62

## TEXAS—\$42.50.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Treas.:	
Dallas, First.....	7 50
Palestine, First, by Mrs. J. W. Sive-wright.....	15 00
Paris, First, by Rev. L. Rees.....	20 00

## INDIAN TERRITORY—\$2.50.

McAlester, Second, by Rev. T. E. Holleyman.....	2 50
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## OKLAHOMA—\$2.00.

West Guthrie, by Rev. A. M. Lennox	\$2 00
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## NEW MEXICO—\$11.85.

Albuquerque, Aux., by Mrs. W. A. McClaskey.....	3 00
Bland, by Rev. E. H. Ashmun.....	1 85
Gallup, by Rev. P. A. Simpkin.....	2 00
White Oaks, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. J. A. Hollars.....	5 00

## TENNESSEE—50 cents.

Hudsonburg, A Friend.....	50
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## OHIO—\$450.79.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.:	
Berlin Heights, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. M. Gunn.....	\$2 00
Huntsburg, Ch., \$10.50; S. S., \$5, by A. W. Tuttle.....	24 50
Thomastown, Jr. C. E., by Miss R. Davies.....	1 60
	28 10

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D., Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:	
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Akron, West.....	\$2 00
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, Y. L. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	3 00
Madison Avenue, Jr. and Int. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	2 00
Mrs. F. W. Low.....	2 00
Elyria, for Salary Fund.....	10 00
Lorain, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	2 00
Mt. Vernon, Coal Workers, for Salary Fund.....	2 00
Rootstown.....	2 09
Vermilion, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	5 00
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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Akron, First, for Salary Fund.....	\$20 00
Cincinnati, Vine, Miss A. Lovie's Dime Bank.....	5 00
Columbus, Eastwood, C. E., for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Ch., Mr. Lakin's Dime Bank.....	5 00
Elyria, for Salary Fund.....	10 00
Marietta, First.....	5 00
North Adams, Jr. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	5 00
Painesville, Miss Prescott's Dime Bank.....	5 00
Sandusky, Miss Berkley's Dime Bank.....	5 00
	65 00

Elyria, First, \$200; S. S., \$20, by G. H. Ely.....	220 00
Gomer, by H. Williams.....	40 00
Marietta, First, \$61.35; Unionville, Trinity Chapel, \$1.25, by A. D. Follett.....	62 60
Penfield, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. A. Schwimley.....	5 00

## INDIANA—\$42.68.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Treas.:	
Angola, S. S. ....	\$1 16
Indianapolis, Pilgrim Ch. ....	3 25
Whiting, C. E. Soc. ....	5 00

\$9 41

Elkhart, First, \$20; Solsberry, \$8.27, by Rev. E. D. Curtis. ....	28 27
Indianapolis, Fellowship Ch., by F. M. Whitlock. ....	5 00

## ILLINOIS—\$123.34; of which legacy, \$3.34.

Buda, Estate of J. F. Hyde, by H. T. Lay, Trustee. ....	3 34
Chicago, Miss M. P. Green, for the debt. ....	15 00
Morrison, William Wallace. ....	5 00
Rockford, First, by W. W. Leete, through Rev. H. D. Wiard, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor. ....	100 00

## MISSOURI—\$126.12.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. K. L. Mills, Treas.:	
Aurora. ....	\$17 40
St. Louis, Third. ....	4 20
Pilgrim, to const. Mrs. Frank S. Powell a L. M. ....	50 00
Webster Groves. ....	22 32

\$93 92

Less Expenses ..... 4 70

89 22

Ivanhoe, of which \$2.81 from Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. H. E. Hazard. ....	7 61
St. Joseph, Swedish, by W. Peirson. ....	1 60
St. Louis, Immanuel, by Rev. W. N. Bessey. ....	12 60
Hope Ch., by W. W. Abraham. ....	9 25
First Swedish, by Rev. A. G. Johnson. ....	5 74

## MICHIGAN—\$52.00; of which legacy, \$35.00.

Benzonia, From Estate of Dea. A. Waters, by L. P. Judson. ....	35 00
Detroit, German, by Rev. A. Huelster. ....	12 00
First Polish Ch., by Rev. J. Lewis. ....	5 00

## WISCONSIN—\$3.00.

Clintonville, Scand. Ch., by Rev. H. F. Josephson. ....	1 00
Curtiss, German, by Rev. H. W. A. Niemeyer. ....	2 00

## IOWA—\$103.65.

Des Moines, W. B. Bentley, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor. ....	100 00
New Hampton, German S. S., by Rev. W. H. Dorn. ....	3 65

## MINNESOTA—\$731.67.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Chokio. ....	\$1 42
Lyle, \$12.91; A Friend, \$30. ....	42 91

Medford. ....	\$10 00
Minneapolis, F. M. ....	6 00
Park Avenue. ....	17 33
Como Avenue, \$10.81; S. S., \$2.51. ....	13 32
Plymouth. ....	75 20
Rev. J. H. Morley, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, to const. F. J. Morley and E. T. Morley L. Ms. ....	100 00
Rev. G. H. Wells, D.D., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor. ....	100 00
Bethany. ....	2 20
St. Paul, So. Park, C. E. S. ....	1 94

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Treas.:	
Aitkin, S. S. ....	61
Big Lake. ....	1 00
Brainerd, First, C. E. S. ....	2 25
Second. ....	70
Duluth, Pilgrim. ....	16 30
Morley. ....	1 05
West. ....	1 00
Elk River. ....	1 70
Graceville. ....	5 00
Lake Park. ....	2 00
Lakeland. ....	75
Minneapolis, Lowry Hill. ....	30 25
Plymouth, to const. Mrs. J. W. Andrews a L. M. ....	51 04
Park Avenue. ....	13 97
Lyndale. ....	22 10
Monticello. ....	12 25
Moorhead. ....	5 00
Meadowdale. ....	36
New Paynesville. ....	6 00
Orrock. ....	1 05
Princeton. ....	60
Pillsbury. ....	1 00
Round Prairie, S. S. ....	3 29
St. Charles. ....	3 70
Stillwater. ....	2 80
St. Cloud. ....	1 50
Spencer Brook. ....	1 47
Staples. ....	3 35
St. Paul, Pacific. ....	5 35
South Park. ....	4 50
Bethany, C. E. S. ....	55
West Dora. ....	4 16

\$576 97

Less expenses. .... 20 00

\$556 97

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Treas.:	
Northfield, Carleton College, to place the name of Margaret J. Evans on the Gen. Howard Roll of Honor. ....	100 00

Received by Rev. J. F. Okerstein, Scand. ....	1 00
Aitkin and Mud Lake, by Rev. F. J. Brown. ....	3 00
Duluth, Pilgrim Ch., by W. S. Horr. ....	61 30
Edgerton, by Rev. E. Carter. ....	2 50
Hasty, by Rev. J. L. Jones. ....	5 00
Mankato, First, by Mrs. S. B. Steel. ....	1 90

## KANSAS—\$84.66.

Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas.:	
Kansas State Board, Y. M. C. A. ....	\$10 00
McDonald. ....	5 51
Milford. ....	3 55

Seneca .....	\$24 00
Severy .....	2 25

\$45 31

Eudora, Miss J. Anderson.....	5 00
Kansas, X. Y. Z.....	25 00
Severy, \$5; Athol, \$3.10; Ochiltree, \$1.25, by Rev. W. C. Veazie .....	9 35

## NEBRASKA—\$22.52.

Arberville, S. S., by F. N. Recknot..	2 90
Avoca and Berlin, by Rev. J. A. Smith	5 00
Friend, \$4.55; Turkey Creek, \$1.15; German Chs., by Rev. M. E. Eversz	5 70
Grant, Madrid and Venango, by Rev. G. W. Knapp .....	5 92
Riverton, by Rev. S. Williams.....	3 00

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$59.34.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. M. Fisher, Treas.:	
Cooperstown .....	\$6 10
Dexter, S. S. ....	2 00
Rose Valley .....	5 00

13 10

Fargo, First, by Rev. H. C. Simmons	10 00
Forman, Rutland, and Cayuga, by Rev. J. H. Kevan .....	8 00
Gardner, Miss A. J. Hunter, by Rev. H. C. Simmons .....	5 00
Harvey, by Rev. A. G. Young.....	1 49
Niagara, by Rev. W. B. Cunningham	5 00
Williston, \$5; Wimbeldon, 75 cts., by Rev. W. H. Gimblett .....	5 75
Wogansport, Mrs. J. Cooper, \$5; P. D. Lee, \$5; Miss M. O. Osgood, \$1, by P. D. Lee, toward L. Mp. of Mrs. M. Lee.....	11 00

## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$49.20.

Belle Fourche, by Rev. B. Iorns.....	17 00
Bruce, \$6; Estelline, \$1, by Miss E. K. Henry .....	7 00
Canton, by Rev. R. M. Coate.....	5 00
Chamberlain, Oacoma, Pukwana, and White River, by Rev. E. W. Jen- ney .....	5 00
Delmont, C. Wieland, \$1.50; Lester- ville. Worms Ch., \$8.70, by Rev. J. Sattler .....	10 20
Yankton, Mrs. J. Ward, Silver Circle.	5 00

## COLORADO—\$212.05.

Received by Rev. H. Sanderson:	
Boulder .....	\$2 85
Crested Butte.....	16 25
Denver, First.....	30 00
Ladies' Aid Soc. of the First, by Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Treas. W. H. M. U.....	30 00
Second.....	10 00
Plymouth .....	40 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	15 00
Grand Junction.....	3 00
Highland Lake.....	25 00

Littleton.....	\$5 00
Whitewater, L. M. S., a Thank-offering from Mrs. Pickett .....	1 50

\$183 60

Creede, by Rev. G. Eaves.....	6 25
Denver, Second, by A. E. Hart.....	20 70
Flagler, Seibert and Claremont, by Rev. G. Tuttle .....	1 50

## WYOMING—\$6.75.

Wheatland, by Rev. J. M. Brown..	6 75
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## MONTANA—\$36.33.

Bigtimber, by Rev. W. J. Hannah....	30 00
Horse Plains, by Rev. W. S. Bell....	1 33
Laurel, by Rev. J. Pope. ....	5 00

## UTAH—\$5.00.

Provo, by Rev. M. H. Mead.....	5 00
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13 10

## IDAHO—\$9.50.

Hope, by Rev. V. W. Roth.....	1 50
Genesee, Idaho, and Uniontown, Wash., by Rev. W. C. Fowler.....	8 00

## CALIFORNIA—\$35.40.

Fresno, German Ch., by Rev. J. Legler .....	3 00
Highland, S. S., of the Ch. of Christ, by S. H. Barrett.....	6 45
Los Angeles, Rev. G. A. Rawson, by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	10 00
Sierra Valley, Pilgrim, by Rev. L. Wallace.....	15 95

## OREGON—\$20.06.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, Treas.:	
Sherwood .....	\$2 00
Wilsonville.....	8 00

10 00

Forest Grove, S. S., by Rev. C. F. Clapp.....	2 65
Portland, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the First, by Rev. D. B. Gray.....	5 00
Sheridan and Willamina, by Rev. F. O. Krause.....	2 41

## WASHINGTON—\$135.85.

Ellensburg, by Rev. S. D. Belt.....	16 00
Redmond, Highland, and Bellevue, by Rev. W. J. Faulkner.....	1 35
Seattle, Rev. A. J. Bailey, Gen. How- ard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Skokomish, by Rev. M. Eells.....	2 50
Spokane, Second, by Rev. W. Davies.	16 00

Collection at Woman's Annual Meet- ing, special.....	262 40
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HOME MISSIONARY .....	28 30
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Contributions in June, excluding contributions for the debt.....	\$8,713 88
Legacies in June.....	2,502 22
Contributions for the debt in June.....	3,506 61

Total receipts in June..... \$14,722 71

Contributions for the debt to July 1st:

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$84,456 58
Special for debt.....	8,417 20
	\$92,873 78

### Donations of Clothing, etc.

Bridgewater, N. Y., Woman's Miss. Soc., by Mrs. D. S. Wood, box and cash.....	\$72 78	St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. J. Anderson, two barrels and two packages.....	\$115 00
Closter, N. J., Ladies' Soc. and Do Something Band, by Miss Mabel Stillman, box.....	35 25	Simsbury, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. A. J. Holcomb, box.....	65 00
Elmira, N. Y., Sewing Soc. of Park Ch., by Mrs. A. Wyckoff, box.....	71 37	Washington, Conn., Homeland Circle, by Mrs. E. Mitchell, barrel.....	61 00
Keene, N. H., Home Miss. Assoc. of First Ch., barrel and cash.....	105 00	Washington, D. C., W. M. S. of Fifth Ch., by Mrs. E. D. Farnham, barrel..	25 00
Montclair, N. J., Mrs. W. W. Egbert, package.....		Windsor Locks, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. H. R. Coffin, barrel.....	75 17
Norfolk, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. R. I. Crissey, box.....	125 24		\$750 81

### Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Woman's Home

Missionary Association in June, 1896. MRS. LOUISE A. KELLOGG,

Secretary

Concord, Aux., by Miss Harriet J. Hubbard, barrel.....	\$137 85	Walpole, Aux., by Mrs. Clara A. Piper, box and barrel.....	\$130 00
Newtonville, Charity Square, by Mrs. M. H. Binney, barrel.....	35 64	Westboro, L. S. C., by Mrs. O. K. Newton, barrel.....	66 73
Providence, R. I., Central Ch., Aux., by Mrs. T. B. Stockwell, barrel.....	145 74	Westhampton, L. B. S., by Miss Louisa J. Montague, barrel.....	41 25
Swampscott, Aux., by Miss H. B. Story, barrel.....	40 00		\$597 21

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

### VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from May 20 to June 20, 1896.

WM. C. TYLER, Treasurer

Barre.....	\$10 80	Island Pond.....	\$15 25
Bridgewater.....	8 15	Londonderry.....	4 00
Brownington and Barton Landing.....	16 00	Northfield.....	20 27
Calais, East.....	4 20	Orleans County Conference.....	10 00
Castleton.....	4 45	Proctor.....	4 15
Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Safford.....	10 00	Randolph, West, First Ch.....	24 03
Colchester.....	13 35	Roxbury.....	12 00
Corinth, East.....	10 00	Rutland.....	50 00
Craftsbury, East.....	13 00	St. Johnsbury, North Ch.....	34 16
Danby.....	1 88	Rev. Henry Fairbanks.....	360 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	72	Salisbury.....	22 50
Eden.....	2 00	Strafford.....	36 00
Fairfield.....	5 00	Wardsboro, South.....	4 55
Ferrisburg.....	16 50	Williamstown.....	10 00
Franklin.....	10 02	Woodbury, South.....	10 82
Guildhall.....	6 00	VERMONT MISSIONARY.....	2 30
Hartland.....	16 15	W. H. M. U.....	261 52
S. S.....	1 00		\$1,031 58



*Receipts from June 6 to June 20, 1896*

Burke, East.....	\$2 75	Stowe.....	\$21 22
Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 00	Westminster.....	12 08
Fairfield, East.....	5 00	Windham.....	5 90
Lyndonville.....	18 00	Banks Fund.....	1 00
For C. H. M. S.....	2 00	Annual col. at Bradford.....	31 93
Marshfield.....	3 42		
Norwich, Rev. N. R. Nichols.....	10 00		
Peacham.....	20 86		
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			\$135 16

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in June, 1896. REV. EDWIN**B. PALMER, Treasurer*

Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor:		Hale, E. J. M. fund, Income of.....	\$26 86
Gardner, First, Sunday-school, by		Hardwick, Gilbertville, by A. H. Rich-	
Frank E. Lavallee.....	\$100 00	ardson, to const. Mrs. Silas Barlow	
Groton, A Friend, and to const. Mrs.		and Ambrose Heath L. Ms.....	147 59
William S. Palmer of Coshocton, O.,		Hudson, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. T. Knight	
a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	100 00	Hyde Park, First, by E. A. Runnells...	72 80
Pittsfield, A Friend.....	100 00	Ipswich, First, Lend-a-hand Soc., by	
Spencer, First, by F. E. Dunton, and		Rev. E. Constant.....	6 00
to const. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. N.		Kingston, Mayflower, by Mrs. M. H.	
Prouty L. Ms. of C. H. M. S., 3½		Peckham.....	25 00
shares.....	350 00	Lawrence, South, by G. F. Merrick....	8 32
Woman's Home Missionary Associa-		Lowell, French Ch., by Rev. T. G. A.	
tion, by Miss M. L. Woodberry,		Côté.....	36 00
Asst. Treas.:		Pawtucket, by J. J. Colton,	
Middleboro, Eddyville, Pratt,		M.D., for local Armenian	
Mrs. F. R.....	\$100 00	work.....	\$10 00
		By J. J. Colton, M.D., for	
		local Greek work.....	10 00
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	\$750 00		
Agawam, Feeding Hills, by Miss J. A.		Malden, S. M. S.....	3 00
Bailey.....	28 00	Marion, A Friend.....	2 00
Amesbury, Main St., by C. F. Hovey...	20 07	Medford, West, S. School, by A. H.	
Ashburnham, First, by M. M. Stowe....	25 11	Wyatt.....	15 02
Bank balances, May interest on.....	21 16	Middleton, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss L. P.	
Barnstable, West, by Rev. S. W. Clarke	5 00	Fletcher.....	2 50
Boston, A Friend, "M. S. A.".....	10 00	Millbury, First, by Miss Carolyn C.	
A Friend, "S.".....	12 00	Waters.....	34 10
Allston, S. S., by J. E. Lounsbury.....	4 00	Millis, by Rev. A. H. Wheelock.....	9 00
Roxbury, Eliot, by Alpine M. McLean	30 45	Newbury, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Eliz-	
Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward.....	159 63	abeth H. Little.....	11 11
Wal. Ave., by F. O. Whitney.....	68 60	Newburyport, North, by J. B. Creasey.	15 18
Thayer, Misses M. E. and F. G.....	10 00	Newton (Center), First, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
Boxford, West, by Rev. C. L. Hubbard	2 73	by W. H. Rice.....	5 00
Cambridgeport, Wood Mem'l, by James		Eliot, by George N. Putnam, for local	
H. Robinson, to const. Rev. I. W.		Armenian work.....	25 00
Sneath a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	50 00	S. School, by Geo. R. McFarlin....	19 86
Chelmsford, Central, by Charles J. So-		Newtonville Central, S. School, by	
derburg.....	20 20	A. E. Wyman, for Rev. Richard	
Chelsea, Third, by John Bell.....	18 53	Harper, Darlington, Ok.....	25 00
Chicago, Ill., partial proceeds of Howe		Peabody, South, by B. N. Moore.....	148 00
St. Est., with \$1,500 note at 6 per cent.	2,300 00	Plainfield, by Rev. J. A. Woodhull....	7 82
Douglas, First, by Rev. A. B. Peffers..	10 00	Plymouth, Manomet, by Rev. Geo. Ster-	
Erving, by Rev. J. W. Brownville.....	5 00	ling.....	8 00
Everett, Allen, Mary P., for debt.....	5 00	Plympton, by Edwin Perkins, Taft	
Framingham, Plymouth, by John H.		thank-offering.....	9 00
Temple.....	62 00	Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Mary Bisbee..	4 25
Gardner, First S. School, by Frank A.		Silver Lake, Y. P. S. C. E., by Harry	
Lavallee, in addition to share in Roll		W. Clemons.....	1 00
of Honor, for debt.....	39 21	Quincy, Wollaston, by E. L. Robbins...	156 00
Y. P. S. C. E., by W. H. Merton.....	21 44	Rochester, East, by Rev. V. J. Harts-	
Granby, First, by Rev. R. C. Bell.....	40 00	home.....	9 00
Greenfield, First, by Rev. Cary H. Wat-		North, by A. K. Small.....	2 00
son, for debt.....	27 00	Rockland, Shaw, Mary N., for debt....	10 00
Hadley, First, by J. N. Pierce.....	25 68	Sharon, by D. W. Pettée.....	21 38

Somerville Highlands, by J. E. Skilton.	\$19 51	Boston, Roxbury, Eliot Aux., for debt	
Prospect Hill, by George W. Snow...	30 76	of C. H. M. S.....	\$43 00
Springfield, CAPITALS.....	1 00	Wal. Ave. Aux., towards sal-	
First, by Henry G. Camp.....	200 00	ary of Rev. S. Deakin....	10 61— \$53 61
Olivet S. School, by C. W. Burnett...	15 00		
Watertown, Phillips, by Moses Fuller...	106 00		
Whitcomb, David, fund, Income of.	150 00		
Woman's Home Missionary Association,			
by Miss M. L. Woodberry, Asst.			
Treas.:			
		HOME MISSIONARY.....	\$5,207 48
			2 70
			\$5,210 18

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in June, 1896. WARD W. JACOBS,*  
Treasurer

Abington, see Pomfret.		Hartford, Wethersfield Avenue, by	
Barkhamsted, Riverton, by D. F. Ran-		Rev. S. B. Forbes.....	\$16 02
som.....	\$12 00	Windsor Avenue, by Henry H. Pease.	55 10
Branford, by L. J. Nichols.....	19 25	Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur ....	27 89
For C. H. M. S.....	19 25	Nepaug, see New Hartford.	
Bridgeport, King's Highway, by F. W.		New Hartford, Nepaug, by J. B. Spen-	
Storrs.....	5 11	cer.....	7 00
Broad Brook, see East Windsor.		New Haven, College Street, by Samuel	
Canton, Collinsville, Swedish, Pilgrim,		Lloyd.....	112 48
by L. P. Olson.....	12 50	Plymouth, Terryville, by A. B. Beach..	53 29
Cheshire, by F. N. Hall.....	13 78	Pomfret, Abington, by Rev. E. B. Pike.	10 00
Colchester, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M.		Riverton, see Barkhamsted.	
S., by Ella S. Cragin.....	3 00	Salem, by Rev. E. W. Merritt.....	37 00
Collinsville, Swedish, Pilgrim, see Can-		Somers, by L. W. Percival, for C. H.	
ton.....		M. S.....	41 00
Cornwall, Second, by H. M. Pratt.....	26 85	South Coventry, see Coventry.	
Coventry, South Coventry, by J. S.		Terryville, see Plymouth.	
Morgan, for C. H. M. S.....	47 50	Torrington, Third, by Frank M.	
Durham, by Henry H. Newton.....	18 50	Wheeler.....	98 31
East Windsor, First, by E. G. Morton....	25 00	Wallingford, by J. N. Platt.....	9 50
Broad Brook, by S. B. Adams, for C.		Westport, Greens Farms, by Silas B.	
H. M. S.....	10 50	Sherwood.....	31 54
Juniors, by Rev. D. E. Jones.....	2 00	Windsor, First, by S. H. Barber.....	45 25
Ladies, for C. H. M. S.....	8 00	Mrs. George Bradford, of Southbridge,	
Ellington, by H. L. James, for C. H.		Mass.....	3 00
M. S.....	184 42		
Greens Farms, see Westport.			\$955 13

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in June, 1896.*

REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, *Treasurer*

Bridgeport.....	\$4 00	Big Prairie, by Mrs. Mary Barton.....	\$0 50
Butternut.....	42	Charlotte, L. B. S.....	25 00
Carson City.....	1 00	Cheboygan, W. H. M. S.....	12 00
Conklin.....	1 10	Grand Rapids, Plymouth Ch., W. M. S.	8 60
Garden.....	1 71	Greenville, W. H. M. S.....	4 00
Grand Ledge.....	10 00	Hudson, W. M. S.....	4 00
Sailor's Encampment.....	40	Manistee, W. H. M. S.....	25 00
Sugar Island, Payment.....	53	Muskegon, First Ch., W. M. S.....	45 00
Westwood.....	2 00	Ovid, General Missionary Society.....	3 00
W. H. M. U., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Tr.	5 00	Salem, Second, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Total.....	\$26 16	Stanton, W. H. M. U., of which \$5.70 is	
		thank-offering.....	9 59
Receipts of the W. H. M. U. of Michigan		Three Oaks, W. M. S.....	6 87
in June, 1896. Mrs. E. F. Grabill,		Watervliet, W. H. & F. M. S.....	2 23
Treas.:		West Adrian, W. M. S.....	5 00
SENIOR FUND			
Ann Arbor, W. H. M. S.....	\$55 00		\$210 79

## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804

and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE

##### ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA- TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

#### 7. KANSAS

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St.,  
Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

#### 8. OHIO

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, The Morris,  
Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
St., Toledo.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President.* Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St., Syracuse.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President.* Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President,* Mrs. W. H. Boals, Fargo.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President,* Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.,* Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No. Portland.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Portland.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President,* Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St., Tacoma.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street, Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President,* Mrs. C. E. Corry, Columbia.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. B. H. Burt, Huron.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President,* Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New Britain.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St., Hartford.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President,* Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St., Kansas City.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave., Kansas City.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave., Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President,* Mrs. Isaac Clafin, Lombard.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President,* Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer,* Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave., Des Moines.

## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President,* Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oakland.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St., Oakland.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St., Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President,* Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.



## 21. FLORIDA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

## 22. INDIANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, —  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

## 23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 353 So. Hope St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

## 24. VERMONT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. J. Van Patten, Burlington.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

## 25. COLORADO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Charles Westley, Box 508, Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

## 26. WYOMING

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

## 27. GEORGIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

## 28. MISSISSIPPI

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Emma Redick, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

## 29. LOUISIANA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. M. Crawford, Hammond.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Matilda Cabrière, 152 North Galvez St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

## 30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 216 N. McNairy St., Nashville, Tenn.

## 31. NORTH CAROLINA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

## 32. TEXAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. I. Carroll, 337 Grand Avenue, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave.,  
 Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Lansford.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Ter-  
 race, Philadelphia.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. H. Parker, Kingfisher.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. E. Platt, Guthrie.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. B. Hammer, Oklahoma City.

## 36. NEW JERSEY

INCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND,  
 AND VIRGINIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF  
THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

Organized March, 1891

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Bradford, Montclair.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. D. Hagerman, Montclair.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Denison, 150 Belleville Ave.,  
 Newark.

## 37. UTAH

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1891

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, 135 Sixth East  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. E. Hall, 78 East First North  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. D. Nutting, Third North and  
 Quince Streets, Salt Lake City.

## 38. INDIAN TERRITORY

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## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

BY REV. ROSELLE T. CROSS, YORK, NEBRASKA

### XIV.—A WEEK IN THE CLOUDS



It will be remembered that in 1879 Mr. West took the writer's out-station work off his hands and started a church at Manitou. The latter had been in Denver less than a year before Mr. West was called to the Second Church, and thus the two friends became ministerial neighbors for the third time. Rev. Mr. Bickford had been preaching for some time at Breckenridge, a mining town in the very center of the mountains and among some of the grandest ranges in Colorado. The altitude was such (9,590 feet above the sea) that common garden vegetables could not be raised. The winter snows were deep, but the summer climate was a delight. By dint of hard work with his hands, and generous gifts from his pocket, Mr. Bickford had got a neat church building erected, and also a parsonage secured. The parsonage was not a palace, but it was a good, comfortable frame building of four or five rooms. He wrote to these two brethren to come up and help dedicate the church. "Come early in the week; we will go to the mines; we will collect crystals; we will climb mountains; I will be your guide, and then on Sunday you are to help me all you can."

The invitation was too tempting to be refused, and they both promised to go. It was over 100 miles, and a glorious ride it was for two tired ministers after the work of Sunday. For the first twenty miles there were only quiet farm-houses, fields of grain, alder groves, and undulating prairies. Then all at once the train, as if it had been hunting for a favorable place to pierce the mountains, turned to the right and plunged into a rocky gorge where the rocks rose hundreds of feet above the track and the roaring river was dashing in white foam over the rocks, now on one side of the



PLATTE CAÑON AND RIVER, COLORADO

track and now on the other. For fifty miles they followed the tortuous windings of the Platte Cañon and River. Then a few miles of steep grades and sharp curves, and the train was on Kenosha Hill, 10,200 feet above





AT THE GOLD MINE

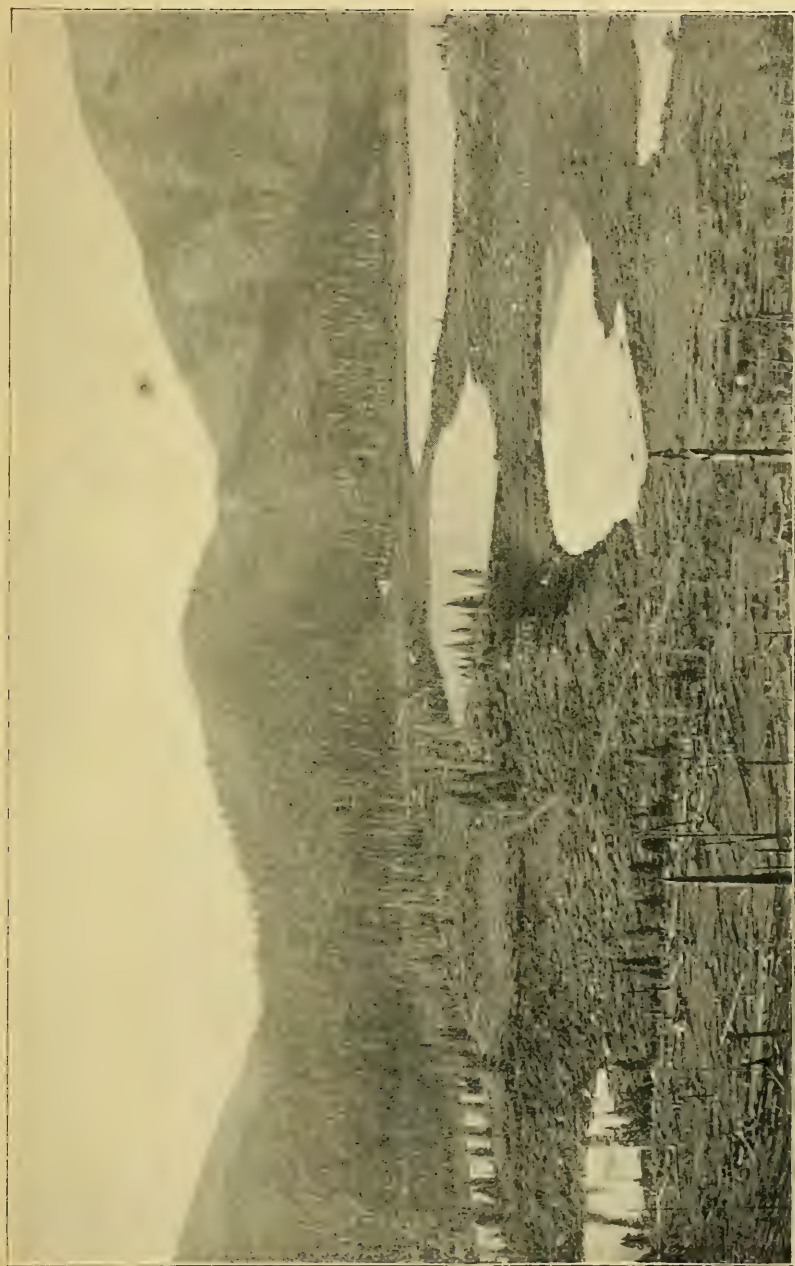
the sea. Then down hill they went and across the smooth floor of South Park, then up hill to the summit of Breckenridge Pass on the Continental Divide, 11,750 feet above the sea. Then twelve miles down through dense forests, along dizzy precipices and around strange loops, and they were at Breckenridge. The train came out on the brow of a hill far above the town, then it ran down hill, bent up the valley a mile or two, and then down into the town. Five lines of track could be seen from one place as the travelers looked down the hill. It had taken the train two hours to go the last twenty miles; in other words, to climb a hill over 2,000 feet high, and then crawl down it on the other side.

No pastor ever looked from his study upon a finer mountain view than did the pastor at Breckenridge. His guests could lie in their beds in the early morning and see the sun throw its beautiful rosy light upon one snowy peak after another of the great mountain range that rose a mile into the air just across the valley.

One day the three ministers took the train back nearly to the summit of the Pass. They left it near the timber line and climbed to the top of Mount Hamilton, 13,800 feet high. They looked down upon the beautiful South Park and out in every direction upon a vast stretch of mountain ranges and bald, jagged peaks spotted with vast snow beds or covered with black forests of pine and spruce, and interspersed with green valleys and beautiful parks. They looked down upon a large part of the Colorado missionary field, and before they left the summit they had a delightful season of prayer for the brethren and the churches scattered here and there among those great ranges and along the edge of the wide plains. Surely they were near to God, and God was near to them.

The next day they went several miles up one of the great valleys or gulches, out of which several million dollars in gold had been taken. They found many specimens of iridescent pyrites, so brilliant and beautiful that it seemed to be good medicine for weak eyes. Another day they climbed Mineral Hill, sat for hours on the dump of a mine, and broke out of porphyry rock many perfect feldspar crystals that were covered with beautiful tracings or sprays like "forest rock." Towards night, with heavy sacks of specimens on their shoulders, they walked home five miles in a pouring rain. That evening they sat and dried themselves by a rousing fire of pine logs and knots in the old-fashioned fireplace at the parsonage, and talked of mountains, minerals, and missions.

On Sunday Mr. West preached the dedication sermon, and in the evening the writer preached at a union service in the Methodist church. It was a happy day to all concerned, especially to the brother who had worked so hard with brain and muscle and pocketbook to get that church built. While he remained on that field he looked diligently after all the mining towns in that region, and organized churches in three or four of



THE SEVEN LAKES—NEAR SUMMIT OF PIKE'S PEAK



them. Occasionally he would cross the lofty range near by, sometimes at the risk of his life, to spend a Sabbath in two mining towns on the other side. If the whole story of his labors on that field were written out, it would make a thrilling tale of home missionary work in the mountains.

Tuesday morning was cloudy and rainy, and the two Denver ministers concluded to start for home. At Rocky Point, where there were dizzy heights above and dizzy depths below, a huge rock had been loosened by the rain and fallen on the track. It was discovered in time to prevent accident. Snow, rain, clouds above and clouds below, swirling masses of clouds all around, the swiftly rushing stream left behind by the swifter train, so through the parks and over the passes and down through the cañons they came to the level plains again, thankful to their Heavenly Father and to the mountain missionary and his good wife for all the delights of one of the pleasantest weeks they had ever spent.

During that same summer (1882) the writer spent another week in the clouds, at Seven Lakes, which are very near the timber line and only three or four miles from the summit of Pike's Peak. He was there in July and enjoyed the morning frosts, the afternoon hailstorms, and a snowstorm in which he was caught on Pike's Peak, the roaring pine fires at night, the boat rides on the lake, the wonderful echo near the log hotel, the long trips into wild and lonely places where human feet rarely tread, and where he kept a sharp lookout for bears and bison and mountain lions, whose tracks were occasionally seen. When he left Denver the strawberry season was well over; at 9,000 feet the delicious wild strawberries were just in season; at 12,000 feet they were only just in blossom.

Climbing the western slope of Bald Mountain early one morning, he reached the summit just in time to encounter a dense cloud that had been coming up its eastern slope. It suddenly grew dark, and he was quickly enveloped in a swirling mass of vapor so that he could see only a few feet in any direction. All was cold, gloomy, and dark. He knew he had reached the summit, but where was the glorious outlook for which he had toiled patiently upward? Suddenly there was a gleam of light in front of him, and in a moment more the cloud had swept past and was floating off to the west, while beneath him were 10,000 square miles of mountains and plains, of valleys and forests, with the glorious sun shining over all. And he said to himself: Like this will be the Christian's death; one moment in the dark cloud, struggling with the decaying elements of the natural world, and the next moment there will burst upon him the glory of the immortal life. He will gaze with enraptured eyes upon the mountains and the plains, the hills and the valleys of Paradise, while the earthly life of toil and trouble and the dark cloud of death float away forever.



## THE WORK OF THE IOWA BAND

BY REV. EPHRAIM ADAMS, OF WATERLOO, IOWA

[One of the most interesting incidents of the Annual Meeting in New Haven was the appearance before it of Rev. Ephraim Adams, one of the few survivors of the famed Iowa Band, who, leaving Andover Seminary on their graduation in 1843, made their way across the Mississippi, found their places, and laid the strong and sure foundations, social, educational, moral, and religious, of that forming State, now one of the grandest and most influential of the Western commonwealths. Our readers cannot fail to be deeply interested in the experience of this veteran, now in his seventy-eighth year, who, as pastor and for fourteen years this Society's Superintendent for Iowa, has been privileged to see and take part in the growth of the 325 churches of the Pilgrim faith which adorn the history and assure the future of the State—yea, which are doing much for the spiritual welfare of the entire Northwest.—ED.]

As a representative of the Iowa Band, and that you may catch a glimpse of its humble part in a great work, let me call your attention first to the time and the situation of its going forth.

It was in the autumn of 1843, fifty-three years ago. That was but a few years after the Western emigrant began to cross the great river for a home in the frontier Territory of Iowa. The settlements had advanced but about forty miles beyond the river and were scattered one from the other. All beyond even the most of what is now Iowa was a wilderness, untrodden save by the Indian, the deer, and the buffalo. No Minnesota to the north, no Dakotas to the northwest; to the west no Nebraska, no Kansas, no anything, on even to the Pacific. The population gathered upon that narrow strip up and down the river numbered but a few thousands. Some schools had been started, and a few churches of various kinds planted. Of our own order there were fourteen, with a membership of about 400. To care for these churches and the new openings there were six men. Noble, faithful men they were, but entirely unable to occupy the fields rapidly opening around them. This inability those brethren had felt most painfully, and so were calling for help. For some time they had eagerly called, but in vain, till the cry for help was turned almost to a cry of despair; for the West then, as a mission field, especially the extreme West, was considered far, very far away, as morally barren and destitute, full of ague and fever, but empty of the conveniences and comforts of civilized life. Indeed, as a mission field it was declared by some as little preferable, if any at all, to one in the heart of Africa. So it was that if, in response to the appeal of those far-off brethren, any started to reach them, it seemed as though they never would do so, but were sure to drop into openings by the way.

We might here pause to recount the steps that led to the formation of the Band, to narrate the incidents of the journey out, first by rail from Boston to Buffalo, the termination of the railroad travel westward, then by

boat around the lakes from Buffalo to Chicago, thence by prairie schooner and stage across Illinois, across the river twelve miles into the Territory, to Denmark, the immediate destination on the field. Much of interest could be said of the New Hampshire colony of Denmark, the cradle of Iowa Congregationalism, the place where the first of the five churches already alluded to was organized, the first church, by the way, of our order now extant ever organized west of the Mississippi; Denmark, the place where lived the first Iowa planter, that remarkable man, Rev. Asa Turner, by all acknowledged as the patriarch of the Iowa ministry, whose counsels, with those of his brethren, we were to follow as to our particular fields of labor. I might tell how seven of our number were there ordained, and after ordination of our being assembled in the pastor's study to receive, as we supposed, from the brethren specific directions as to the fields each was to occupy; how, instead of this, the brethren, with map in hand, pointed out and described the points that most needed to be occupied, then retired, leaving it to us to decide where each should go. Yes; and how, after a brief prayer, in twenty minutes, somehow it was decided to the satisfaction of all; so that each went out from that gathering with his place in view; went out soon to be scattered hundreds of miles apart, never more all of them at any one time at the same place to meet on earth. All these things, for the want of time, we must dismiss by a mere reference to them, and fix our eyes for a moment upon these new workers, these young and inexperienced workers in a new and untried field. How did they find their work, how get hold of it, and settle into it?

The settlements being scattered, communication between them sometimes by bridle-path only, the streams bridgeless, and the sloughs well nigh bottomless, the first necessity, of course, was a horse. This was the saddle period of home missionary labor. But as for a home and a study, where and what? Well, one found himself in a lean-to of a hotel, and "boarding 'round" in schoolmaster fashion, accepting proffered board in families that could eat, but not sleep him; giving credit therefor to the Society as part payment of the \$400 stipulated. Another found his study in a lean-to of a store, with but a thin partition between the studies on one side, and the traffic and gossip on the other, where, if he was not careful to shut the door as he went out, the pigs were sure to go in. Another, who had planned for a quiet room and writing two sermons a week, was of necessity in the saddle much of the time, his stool and candle and bed in one end of a living room with only a bedquilt for a partition.

But there must have been hardships and privations then. Oh, yes, to some extent, in common with the people. But pioneer experiences begat pioneer friendships and sympathies. But what about fever and ague and malaria of a new country? Not much. Sickness and death are everywhere. Not more, on the whole, there than elsewhere. For myself, not in boast-

ing, but in gratitude, I am able to say that in all my Iowa life, I have never had the ague, never a fever, have never been confined a whole day to my bed by any kind of sickness, have never failed of meeting a dozen appointments from any cause whatsoever. And yet, there were sometimes lonely hours in those early days—hours that threw one back upon the impulses and purposes of life that God had put within him.

Let me give you a picture. It is a beautiful autumn morning. That rider, whose horse is evidently feeling the exhilaration of the frosty air, is going out after a month or two of experience upon his field, to some settlement not far away. The open prairies, at first in their verdure of green so fascinating, are now a wild waste about him, blackened by frost and fire. So, too, has the poetry of Western life and his Western work already vanished. He begins to see things as they are. As he ponders the situation, his thoughts were something on this wise: Here I am alone. All I have is myself, my trusty horse, a few books, the clothes I wear, and that little debt at the seminary. I came here to preach. I thought the people were destitute, and eager to hear. But they are just as careless and indifferent as elsewhere, and more worldly, I do believe. I thought the churches and the preachers were few. But here the people come from every quarter, each, if he cares for any church at all, anxious for his own, and a preacher for each is waiting at every turn. Of all the denominations here and there, more than I ever heard of before, my own is among the least known and least cared for. I came here to preach, but there are no churches to preach to, no houses to preach in, nothing organized, nothing started, and nobody to help, really. And here I have come to live. What if sickness or accident should come and I be laid aside, what then? The foreign missionary is cared for, but for the Home Missionary, what? Lonely, almost sad is he for a moment. But he rallies. His saddle exercise has sent the quick blood coursing through his veins. The autumn sun ascending towards the zenith is sending down upon him its warm rays, and somehow he feels that God and his love are everywhere, that though autumn is, and winter is to come, yet the blackened prairies are to bloom again. He thinks how the advancing tide of a Christian civilization is to cover them with homes and the fruits of husbandry and toil. Here, he says, is spiritual seed to be sown and spiritual harvests are to come, and here it is mine to sow the seed, and this will I do, whoever the reapers may be.

Take another picture, showing how in this purpose he is strengthened and encouraged. It is after the first three months upon his field are ended. In the bi-weekly or tri-weekly mail there comes a letter. Its postmark is New York. The twenty-five cents postage is paid and the letter is taken to his room and opened. In it is a check, the Society's first payment for services rendered. It seems to him as sacred money, for he knows how



the missionary money is raised and given in his own New England church. He thinks of the widows' mites that he knows must be there. He thinks of the prayers that go with the gifts. He reads the cheery words of the Secretary in that letter, generally signed Milton Badger, and then it comes over him that he is the channel through which gifts and prayers are to flow. He must be faithful, he must be in earnest. A thought that often comes to him not only to cheer, but for new consecration, as at other times and in other ways, he finds that he is in a great work, the workers many, he the almoner and servant of all.

In due time, your young men took to themselves wives. Helpmates are needed in home missionary work, if anywhere. Homes are made and children born. They are neighbors now, and citizens identified with the interests where they dwell. The Territory becomes a State, a State whose resources as they begin to be developed show it a glorious field.

Having happily coalesced with the brethren before them, all becoming as one man, the new State growing rapidly, with new openings around them and new churches to be formed, a hearty welcome was given to the new helpers who came to join them; all were workers together. So it was that they found their work, that they got hold of it, and got into it, and now they hold to it. Much was in this as to all the future. Once in the work, they held to it.

I do not know as it can be said of the members of the Band that they were particularly brilliant or highly gifted. But of them there is one thing that can be said. In addition to being honest, faithful workers, they had a staying quality; they went to Iowa for a life work. As a rule, they have made it so. Of the eleven composing the Band, six have passed on before. One early returned to his present home by the Eastern sea, leaving four yet spared upon the field. It is their privilege to look back on the wonderful developments of the half-century past. Iowa no longer a frontier Territory, but a State central among States. Instead of the fourteen churches, with their membership of 400, they now number 325, with a membership of over 30,000. Not that we and our brethren of the Band have done it all; no, no, a little part only.

As to the whole work, simply this. In it and out of it and through it all even a little force, constantly at work, helps much for the grand result. As the State has been growing, and the churches multiplying, in it and of it. In legislation sometimes, in it a little, by acquaintance and influence with legislators.

We have our Iowa College, of which we are not ashamed. In it also, we helped to raise funds at the start. Two of our members were among its early professors, and three are now, and always have been on its Board of Trustees. In our annual Association some have always been present. If you will pardon a personal reference, it has been my privilege to attend



every one for the last fifty years, with one exception, and that was when the death angel was hanging over the home.

Somehow, there has grown up a peculiar fellowship among the brethren, giving a warmth and glow to our gatherings which strangers are not slow to observe. We have been in this, too, and of it. In those early days at the start of things, with no established usages or precedents to bind us, we were at liberty to adapt matters to our own needs, and so we did, improving somewhat, as we think, upon even good old New England ways. We framed our Associations to take in the churches as well as ministers. We soon learned to form churches without societies. We threw open our colleges to the daughters as well as the sons. Feeling its need, we had a church building fund for the building of churches, before our Eastern friends would tolerate the idea. In these things, too, we were in and of them.

At the time of our country's need, Iowa stood forth nobly to do her part. For this had she been prepared by our churches, as much as by those of any other order. As to liberty and freedom they gave no uncertain sound in the early days when to be an abolitionist was a reproach. In this, too, in and of it. In all the progress made, as I have said, in it, of it, and through it all. Yes, you must allow us to say that, to us who are spared, it gives pleasure as we think of the past. We thank God that our steps were turned to Iowa at such a time, not only for the relief of the brethren then on the field, but to be joined with them in our labors in the very seed time of Iowa's history. We have been told that our going out at the time and in a body as we did had something to do with bringing the Eastern churches really to believe that the purity of their doctrine and the simplicity of their policy could be carried even to the West; that our going out as we did turned the attention of the churches to, and greatly increased their interest in the Western work; that after our going, it was much easier to obtain laborers for the Western field than before. These things, it is true, were not of our planning, but of God's working. But they are pleasant to think of.

And now, remembering our early associations with this Society, our relations to it as Home Missionaries, that up to 1882, the time when we came to self-support, there were scarce a dozen of our churches but what at times had been receiving home missionary aid, as to the little part we have had in the great work, it is a pleasure to bring it here as a tribute of praise to the noble part which this Society is doing in building not a State only but a nation, and all for the kingdom of God on earth.

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"THEY that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves."  
—Ps. cxxxvi. 5, 6.

## OUR SOCIETY A DEBTOR

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[The following is the substance of an address delivered by Dr. Lyman at the Society's annual meeting in New Haven, June 3d, after the presentation of Secretary Choate's paper, "The Seventieth Year." Securing the good will of his audience by a few words of humorous introduction, Dr. Lyman spoke in effect as follows.—ED.]

DR. CHOATE has been very happy, in both senses of the word, in the admirable paper which he has read to us to-night. The paper itself is felicitous, clear and comprehensive, with a beautiful symmetry of statement and luminous perspective, like a kind of telescope, through whose revolving sweep we survey the entire land. And Dr. Choate has himself, also, been happy in writing this paper. It is distinctly pervaded by an undertone of jubilation, and I do not wonder at this, when one thinks of the account presented of achievement, of progress, of this splendid septendecennial (if this isn't right, somebody correct it) anniversary of this Society. Seventy years old! There never was a spryer septuagenarian.

And so the paper is a schedule for a "praise service." Indeed, I seem to see at the end of it a kind of foot-note, a sort of stage direction, as it were, reading, "Music by the full band!" And the facts warrant the music. Sometimes we whistle to keep our courage up. I have heard that kind of whistle several times from the Bible House in New York clear over in Brooklyn. To-night we sing, because our courage is up. In all this picture which the Secretary has drawn, the sharp anxieties with which the year opened, the magnificent advance of the year itself allaying many of these anxieties, while reënforcing the sense both of opportunity and obligation, the peremptory claims and calls of the opening fields in Northern Minnesota and Utah, the enlarging power of the State auxiliaries in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Kansas, the vast and crowding work among our foreign population in half a score of States and Territories, to say nothing of the attractive and menacing condition in the cities at home, among Bohemians, Poles, Italians, Magyars—in all this great panorama, at once inspiring and challenging, we discern the one common impression of a grand and reasonable hopefulness, until I can actually see the doctor smiling to himself as he wrote down these figures of the grand total of receipts for the year, \$777,747—practically six sevens. There is something as uplifting as a geyser spring in such a felicitous conjunction of sevens in connection with this seventieth anniversary.

Down in Hertfordshire, England, I heard of a farmer who came home late one night and drank off a pint of yeast, supposing it to be buttermilk. They said it didn't hurt him any, but he rose three hours earlier the next

morning. This occasion and this paper seem to me pervaded by a very good sort of Congregational yeast, something, at any rate, which should lead men to be up and doing early in the morning.

But, brethren, over against this jubilant note is a note of command. Christian enthusiasm is never a flash-in-the-pan. Opportunity is obligation. For example, this Society, it is said, is now practically out of debt. In the immediate financial sense that is, on the whole, in a way true, but, in a deeper sense, it is not true. The Congregational Home Missionary Society now owes it to the churches of America to get in debt no more.

And there is still another debt, a glorious debt, of which I would speak to-night. There are debts which paralyze, and there are debts which exalt, transfigure, and inspire. The debt of which I would speak is the old, eternal obligation resting upon us as patriots and as Christians to bring the message of the Gospel to our countrymen, and especially to the vast masses of the foreign-born among our people. Here is the menace to the Republic at the present hour. And here, therefore, is the imminent, imperative duty of the Christian churches.

The opening sentence of Dr. Choate's paper referred to a certain parity of progress between the Banner of the Cross and the Banner of the Nation. And he closes his survey of the country by a vivid delineation of what, with eloquent accuracy, he calls "Foreign Home Missions." In a sense, this is the problem of Home Missionary work to-day. I derive from these suggestions the text for the single word of remark I have to offer to-night. This land, we say, stands for civil liberty and honor. It also stands for Christian philanthropy toward our foreign-born populations.

Last Saturday was Memorial Day, radiant in earth and sky, only shaded by the grief of the land in sympathy with that beautiful, brave Mound City of the southwest, whose stricken ones may God bless. But last Saturday we did not merely decorate a grave. We decorated a living nation, whose graves are pledges that its word shall always be as good as its bond, and its bond always as good as gold. But these graves are pledges of one thing more, that American civilization shall always be Christian civilization. For this, too, our fathers and brethren died. But this cannot be, except by means of instant, strenuous wrestle with this problem of the foreign population within our borders. Here is the edge of the Home Missionary battle to-day.

Self-preservation, however, is only half, perhaps the lesser half, of the argument which would lead us to proclaim to these myriads among us the message of the Cross. We have a debt to these children of the Old World, a debt, yes, a double debt, a debt on account of what the old lands had, which they gave to us, a debt on account of what they and their children have not, which we can give to them. For where would be the

American Republic if the men of the Old World had not, in the first instance, built it and manned it? Our debt is a debt of national justice, as well as of Christian generosity. For a nation is like a man.

Even in personal, private life, how much we owe to other people! No man builds the pedestal he stands on, or arranges the spring-board from which he jumps, which is perhaps the more American illustration. Americans are as much self-made as anybody is, but it took the wars of a thousand years to mix the clay out of which an American could have a chance to make himself, even as decently as he does. Centuries helped the newsboy to earn five cents on the street corner, continents combine to furnish the bouquet which the flower girl sells at the depot door. And if this be true of individuals, it is no less true of nations, especially a nation like this, a child of a modern time, the young athlete among the nations, a fresh human amalgam, as strong as, and perhaps a trifle springier than, his older brethren, but yet compacted of elements drawn, every one of them, originally from the cruder ores of the Old World.

You may have heard of the sentence in which Max O'Rell begins in England his lecture on "America." "Ladies and gentlemen," he says, "the Americans are the greatest people in the world. It is not necessary to prove this, since they admit it themselves." Well, that is unqualifiedly true. But, we admit it, if we know what we are talking about, only as incorporating, also, an implicit compliment to the great European centuries, whose vigor and whose grace, divested of effete material, sprang into this new arena as if new-born, and formed the nucleus of the American state. And note this: the poorer populations, the ignorant, superstitious populations, from these same old lands, swarm over to us. It is simple justice, then, that we give to them something of the blessings for which we ourselves are in part indebted to their fathers.

But this is not the end of the matter. There is still another and holier form of debt. It is our obligation, in Christ's name, as well as the country's, to tell these men the tidings of the freedom of faith, the great salvation which Christ has brought to all men. What an obligation, when a third person has offered at cost of life a gift to two men alike, one of whom knows it and the other does not, and is, therefore, bound by love and honor to tell his fellow of it! It was the thrilling sense of this kind of obligation which so stirred that Cilician missionary as he wrote from the alien and sensuous city of Corinth his great message to Rome. "I am debtor," you remember, he cried, "both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish." For, as the Revised Version intimates, the great apostle made no bones about calling a fool a fool. But think of the immeasurable passion of the sentiment, "I am debtor." He calls aloud, "For Christ's sake, not alone to my kindred in distant Tarsus, not alone to my Hebrew countrymen in Syria, but to these Greeks I am



debtor, and to the barbarians in Arabia, and across the Danube, and beyond the snow mountains of Gaul." It is the new democracy of Christ-like longing and love; it is the knowledge of salvation and the ardor to save which burns away the walls of caste, burns away the walls of race, burns away the most solid dividing barriers, and brings the lonely Hebrew scholar, with his eager and eloquent hand, within arm's length of every man, from Jerusalem to Rome.

We cite the great example because we have need of the great enthusiasm, and nothing short of an apostolic breadth and fervor of Christian energy can enable the American churches adequately to meet, successfully to grapple with this gigantic and critical problem of the foreign-born, unevangelized masses among us, "Foreign Home Missions." Dr. Choate has, in his vivid phrase, struck the very keynote of what is to be the inaugural of the twentieth century in the field of Home Missionary effort, supplementing the glorious direct work on the foreign field, which must never be allowed to slacken—"Foreign Home Missions." Do I dare to fear that the churches of our land will be unequal to this task? No, I neither dare to fear, nor fear to dare, if I am in the path of the Divine Providence.

I believe in the Christian evolution of the Republic, as the phrase goes, or let me choose the more vivid and older phrase, I believe in what our fathers gloried in calling "the overruling providence of God." We believe in evolution in a Christian way, and as far as it goes. The doctrine of evolution, I think, is a kind of bicyclist in the field of thought, capitally good, as far as wheels can be used. But it does not account for everything. As well might the trolleys of New Haven account for the trees! (And, by the way, what a revelation in trees is New Haven at this hour!) But history is full of still more marvelous bursts of bloom crises, sudden turns, tremors, and rockings of deliverance, the mystery of genius on the earth, the mystery of grace in the heavens, all of which go to show that God is not shut up to wheels and tracks, and traceable gearing, for the bringing forward of his Kingdom. God is Law, but God is Love as well, and therefore God is the incalculable energy, or Living Will.

Here is the immortal glee of the world. Here is the supernal stroke of a Divine redemption. Here is the prophetic splendor upon the field of missionary effort, and the hand of God seems to be now pointing out this plan of reaching the nations by reaching the representatives of the nations who are within our gates. No other land is so cosmopolitan; in no other land can a world's normal school of Christianity be so fitly or finely established.

And because I believe that this is the purpose and will of God, I believe that he will enkindle the enthusiasm which alone can accomplish it. Oh! it is good to be an American and a Christian to-day. Our work as a Society must spring forward, not with the burden of seventy years upon

it, but with the momentum of seventy years behind it. Congregationalists use precedent for a guide post, not for a hitching post. Long before our seventieth anniversary becomes our eightieth I expect to see our six financial sevens grow into six financial eights. We must watch the progress of the Republic by the progress of the churches in the Republic. "Greeks and barbarians"—where are they? They are flocking to our shores. Wendell Phillips used to say, in his dazzling fashion, that "you did not reach America on coming to Europe till you got beyond the city pavements." The felicity of the rhetoric hides its fallacy, because the city pavements themselves are American, and the invisible currents of civil life that flow above them are. The foreigner, even on the city pavements, is swept along by civic forces which are not foreign and should never be. No less should these forces be Christian; not less instantly should the alien be met on these shores by the offices of Christian ministry and fraternity, the message of a free Gospel, the thrill and lift of Christian manhood, reincarnating Christ's spirit in Christ's name.

We are familiar with the idea that God, in the order of history, may commission special nations for special services. We find the root of this conception of national destiny in the Bible itself. The Hebrew people were so appointed, and since that time the special charge of God, in conveying the ark of human freedom and Christian faith down the ages, seems to have been committed to one land and nation after another. You all know the majestic and marvelous story. In the third and fourth centuries, that commission was given to the local Greek, acute, diffusive, democratic societies of southern Europe, Asia Minor, and North Africa. In the sixth and seventh centuries, the torch of God seemed to be moved far to the west, and to flash on that remote island rim of Europe, when Ireland was called Scotia, and was known throughout Europe as the "*Insula Sanctorum*"; and when all the continent sent to that dim and dangerous Atlantic coast for Irish and Scotch missionaries, and listened to their eloquence as willingly as ever Parliament afterward listened to O'Connell. Then, later on, in the dark and terrible ninth and tenth centuries, Switzerland was chosen of God, keeping alive on her snowy altars the primitive faith of Christendom. In the stormy and splendid course of the Swiss history for 400 years, enduring the persecution of the Roman pontiffs, defying the arrogance of the German Empire, resisting, and at last repelling, the oppression of the Burgundian nobles; in the heroic martyrdom of the Waldenses, driven up into the snow from the valleys of Piedmont; in the glorious victory of Dornach, in the Suabian war, one hears, as it were, the voice of God rolling over Europe, articulating itself above the Alpine summits, commissioning and commanding one land in the heart of Europe to stand for an open Bible and an unfettered conscience, and to resist to the death everything that should steal the freedom of the citizen's suffrage,

or stifle the fervor of the Christian faith. Then, still later, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, Huguenot France was chosen, and the free German electorates. And then God's commissioning scepter seemed to move westward again and point to Britain, where Saxon and Norman had been welded in one race, practical and indomitable, with a language affluent and sympathetic, suited to convey both the energy and the tenderness of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. And it has done it.

But is the series completed? May we not believe that here at last, still further to the west, upon our own land, loved and sought by the children of every clime, with its civil freedom, its rapid and mighty industrial life, its open arena to every activity, is now flashing that long revolving light of God's choice and command? In speaking to our country, are we not speaking to the world?

Oh! the passion for humanity, when that passion pours along the channel opened for it by the providence of God. It is irresistible.

My brethren, such or somewhat such seems to me to be our debt—our debt to the country—our debt in our country's name to the foreign born among its mighty population—our debt, in Christ's name, to all. In such a service, sacrifice is welcome, toil is rest. It is the rescuing passion of the Cross, and what a difference between its chivalrous and consecrating flame and that pallid thing men suppose religion to be!

Credit measures what has been done. Debt measures what ought to be done. So much to be done for men! So little time to do it in! Let us seize the present hour and make it hot and bright with Christian energy. We are debtors to men, for Christ's sake, and must pay the debt. To-morrow we shall be gone. Let us so take care of life; God will take care of death.



## OUR WORK AMONG SCANDINAVIANS

BY REV. S. V. S. FISHER, SUPERINTENDENT SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT

IT is probable that the Society's work among the Scandinavians does not impress the average mind equally with some other forms of home missionary enterprise. Perhaps there are not in it the touching elements for pathetic appeal which are revealed in some of them.

By some of our Scandinavian friends, especially among those who belong to the Lutheran Church, our work for their countrymen is deemed an impertinence. There are American Christians who see no urgency, nor much necessity, in it. Some of the constituency of this Society are of the opinion that it ought always to give, and never to take, precedence; that it should willingly take a back seat whenever any other part of our vast

work wishes to come to the front. Even so it may come and ask your favor and your aid. Twelve years ago it was thought wise and best to begin work among the thousands who, from Norway, Denmark, and especially Sweden, were spreading themselves over our country. Surely it would not be the part of wisdom to allow the fruit of these years of diligent planning and constant effort to go ungathered. There is certainly no less call for this form of work now than there was then.

But it must be said that those who hold the opinions referred to are not as thoroughly informed with respect to the facts of the Society's work among the Scandinavians as it would be well to be.

Our Lutheran friends are quite likely to look at our work through their prejudices rather than to take account of all the facts. We are by no means engaged in making proselytes from their ranks. All the indications, as we read them, are that the Lord has opened a door to the Congregational Church for work among the Scandinavian people who are coming to this land, and especially to the great Northwest, in such numbers, and making their home with us. But we do not judge that to coax sheep from other religious folds is a part of the work which the "Good Shepherd" has laid upon us. And we are doing nothing of the kind. There is no need. There is room enough for all. There are tens of thousands of this people for whom no denomination, no society, has as yet made any provision whatever. No one that I know of is engaged in trying to secure and secrete any who bear a denominational brand. If a sheep from any other fold thinks our pastures pleasanter, and comes into them, it does not seem a duty to drive it back to its old fold again, were this possible. All our home missionary work, like the New Jerusalem, has gates on every side, and always open. Ingress and egress are easy.

One sure sign that our work was providentially undertaken and is divinely directed, is the fact that after so short a term of years the work does not have to be sought, but is pressing upon our Society from every side. And there are aspects of this urgent work which are not sufficiently considered. Our New England Fathers feared, as we well know, that the church polity which they loved devotedly, was not well adapted to the regions beyond the confines of this northeast corner of our country. Their judgment was that Congregationalism needed a homogeneous population and a well-ordered people for its permanence and its prosperity. We venerate their memory, while we do not adopt their opinion. We have more confidence in the ability and adaptability of our very simple church machinery. It is good anywhere and everywhere and for everybody, if properly worked. But the fact to which I call your attention is this, that the very conditions which our fathers thought were needful to the success of Congregationalism are afforded in our Scandinavian population. They are homogeneous; they are well-ordered; they are religiously inclined.



The Swedish people, especially, present to us a natural Congregational constituency.

This is what that man of quick discernment, open-mindedness, and broad sympathies, Rev. M. W. Montgomery, discovered when as a home missionary superintendent of Minnesota he came into close contact with this people. His visits to Sweden confirmed his previous judgment and impressed the fact more clearly and strongly upon him. He held it with strong grasp and worked with it ever in mind.

How is it that among those who come from another land and converse in a very different tongue, there is such similarity of views ecclesiastical as to make them a material very suitable for our forms, molds, and methods? The answer to this question gives another important reason why we should address ourselves to this work with greater determination than ever.

The history of this people is not unlike our own. They found their old ecclesiastical relation too strait for them. They could not be content with the corrupt practices, with the worldliness, with the excessive formalism of the prescribed religion. They sought for freedom in the things of the Spirit, and a purer worship. There was no place for them in the old church-home, unless they would surrender the new views learned from the Word of God under the instruction of the Spirit of truth.

When the work of forming a church for themselves was laid upon these people they took not counsel of men, but of the Word and Spirit of God. In so far as they are Congregationalists, it is not because they were instructed by the Congregationalists of England or of this country. When Mr. Montgomery came upon these Christians in his Minnesota field, and found them essentially of his own denomination, it was no easy thing to get a clear account of their history. There had been no Congregational missions in Sweden, such as the Baptist and the Methodist churches had had. English Congregationalists knew nothing, or had heard only the mention, of a free church movement in Sweden, which to all intents and purposes was Congregational. It was not from men, but from the life-giving Spirit that this remarkable likeness in church life sprang up.

This fact of a great religious movement, spontaneous in its beginnings, issuing out of a devout study of the New Testament Scriptures and a waiting upon the Holy Spirit, and closely related to our own, is certainly a reason of great force for concerning ourselves about it. Can we do less than to give it a hearty welcome and generous aid as it works itself, so far as God will, upon lines which run parallel with our own?

But after all the chief reason why our Society should, if possible, do more of this work than it ever has done, is the practical situation which confronts us.

There are in our country probably 1,250,000 of foreign-born Scandinavians. Their children are twice as many—2,500,000. We have, then,

of Scandinavian-born and born of Scandinavian parentage, 3,750,000. Now, if the Lutheran Church provides for twenty-five per cent. of the Scandinavian people—that is a fair and liberal estimate—and if the Swedish Mission Covenant body, which is Presbyterian in its tendency, certainly, if not in its constitution, and the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches and others, provide for ten per cent., and the estimate is ample, then thirty-five per cent. are afforded religious advantages. Must there not be opportunity, and occasion for other workers? And so we are in this field. We gratefully recognize that a very considerable number of our Scandinavian friends have been providentially led to walk in the Congregational way, even though they may never have called it by this name; that in views upon church government, and largely in doctrine, they are our spiritual kindred. They are needing our assistance, and more than heretofore are looking to us for it.

It was natural that, when in this land of their adoption so strong a denomination as we made overtures to these Scandinavians, suspicions should at first arise in their minds as to our real purposes and motives. It is natural that their leaders, who would much rather be generals in a smaller camp than lieutenants in a larger one, should make the most of such suspicions. But such barriers cannot permanently stop a tide. What good and sufficient reason can be given why our Savior's prayer, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me," should not be answered, in so far as the cordial fellowship and the earnest coöperation of the self-governed Scandinavian churches and the self-governed American churches go? There are careful observers who think that they can see the tide setting more strongly in this direction. It was for this that the sainted Montgomery prayed most fervently, for this he worked most assiduously, for this he waited very patiently. It was he who discerned this movement more closely than most, in its small beginnings. If they who have passed into the future life can note what is doing here, he, better than we, can mark the drift and strength of this current, and it must increase his joy. For there are a goodly number of these independent churches which, seeing as they have not in the past how much alike they and we are, and feeling the need of Christian fellowship, are turning toward us.

This is our opportunity. Shall we seize it, or let it go by?

In North Wisconsin are 75,000 foreign-born Scandinavians, and their children. The Lutheran Church is doing something. The Swedish Mission Covenant is doing something. So are the Methodists and Baptists. We think that we have a promising work, both Swedish and Norwegian, there. But altogether we are just touching the fringes of that population.

In Minnesota, the great Scandinavian State of the country, with nearly

250,000 born in the home land, the case is not very different. The field is waiting for sowers and for reapers. Some of the calls to us are loud and repeated. What shall the answer be?

North Dakota had 35,000 Scandinavian-born people in 1890, and has more in 1896. We are occupying only one point in that great State. We have a church at Fargo, and the pastor there has been trying to overlook a work at Cooperstown, 100 miles to the west and north. Cooperstown has called long and loud for a pastor. A graduate from Chicago has just gone there. They expect our help, but the promise of it was conditioned upon a certain action of our Executive Committee, which has not been taken, but negatived. Superintendent Simmons writes me: "You are not doing much for our Scandinavian population of North Dakota." He never said a truer thing. And the like statement is even more applicable to that great stretch of territory running west from the Dakotas to the far-off sea. Thousands of Swedes are in the mining regions of Montana and Idaho. Probably not five per cent. have any religious privileges. From important places in both these States earnest calls have come for help. So from Washington and from Nebraska. The answer has had to be in what one has called "that decisive monosyllable."

A missionary told me the other day of going to a schoolhouse to meet an appointment to preach. He expected to find no one, or very few, because of recent hard rains and very bad roads. But the room was well filled and there was a fair sprinkling of women. One woman had come three miles, and had her little daughter with her. Coming to a creek, usually crossed upon stepping-stones, she found the water considerably above her waist. She disrobed, put her clothing in a bundle and carried it to the opposite side; then she fetched her child across, dressed, and went to the meeting. Her return home was accomplished in the same manner. Such is the hunger of large numbers of this people for the Word of God. They delight in it, and go for miles to hear it, and will sit and listen to its utterance long after an American audience would be asleep, or have gone home. And there are men educated in our seminary who are very ready to endure hardship, if they may have the privilege of preaching to those who wish to hear it. We have urgent appeals from many places. To all this willingness to preach, to all this desire to hear, to all those appeals, we are learning to make the answer—of which Dr. Cuyler again says: "The most tremendous word in the English language is the short but mighty word, No, no, no, no."

Immigrants are going into North Wisconsin, who want and need the church. Superintendent Grassie is learning to say "No." In the northern part of Minnesota 1,000,000 acres of the Red Lake reservation is just open to settlers, and millions more are there, for the people who will speedily occupy them. Must Superintendent Morley learn to say "No"

to the heart hunger and need? To the calls from the hills and the valleys, the prairies, the mining regions, the Pacific slope, must the superintendent of Scandinavian work accustom himself to say "No"? The churches are teaching it to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is teaching it to the secretaries, the secretaries teach it to the superintendents, and the superintendents have nothing to do but to learn the lesson, and to say it, with all its "tremendousness" and all its "decisiveness," to those who would fain hear a word with one more letter in it.

One can but wonder, if He who for our sakes became poor, had made answer to the terrible appeal of this world's hunger and need in this "short but mighty word," what the result must have been!



## A TYPICAL WESTERN MINING CAMP

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THE camp to which I will introduce your readers is only six weeks old; that is, six weeks previous to my visit there was nothing to be seen on the ground except the company's office. Eight miles above, in a narrow, ragged gulch, development work had been going on for some time in what has been named "The Golden Scepter Mine." But this development had been simply with the view of finding whether or not there was mineral enough, and of a sufficiently high grade, to justify the larger outlay for permanent works. This settled, all was ready for beginning the work at the opening of spring.

The camp is situated about eighteen miles from the little railway station of Bonita. At this point your missionary stepped upon the platform, the 24th day of May, 1896. Half a dozen stages and freight teams were in readiness for those bound for the mine, and we dashed off at headlong speed toward the new Eldorado of the mountains.

It was a rocky and dangerous ride, over a road that had been cut through, at a cost of \$2,500, since the opening of spring. In about three hours we found ourselves in Quigley, the new city that had sprung into being. Four-horse and six-horse teams heavily loaded with freight filled the streets. A long row of business houses, fully stocked with all lines of merchandise, stretched along on both sides of the street for several blocks. Saloons, seventeen in number; boarding houses, livery stables, tents, etc., were sandwiched in so as to give the charm of novelty, whichever way you looked. Over one hundred houses, all told, were scattered around on the town site. Many of them were dwellings in which families were already settled, looking homelike and contented. The foundation was laid for a



large hundred-stamp mill. The tramway was in process of erection for electric cars to run eight miles to the mine. Over 300 men were employed on the various works, and more would at once be set to work, were the material on the ground for their use.

The missionary, being the first preacher on the ground, was treated right royally. Arrangements were made for a preaching service in the evening. The only hall in town was over a livery stable, and was used by different organizations already started, and for dancing purposes when occasion required. A well-filled hall greeted the missionary at eight o'clock, and at the close of the service a Sunday-school was organized, with good material for officers at hand. Two nice lots were donated for a church building by Mr. Quigley, president of the mine. His wife and little boy are with him at the mine. They are cultured Eastern people from Delaware.

This is a characteristic Western mine, and its condition shows the pressing necessity of being early on the spot in these new camps, so that the church and its influence may be seen and felt before the saloon has taken possession and become intrenched. Obviously a church is the prime necessity, and that at once. But from whence will come the money wherewith to build?



## VISIT TO A HOME MISSIONARY CHURCH

### *A FRAGMENT*

BY REV. W. G. PUDDEFOOT

Two years ago I started to visit a home missionary church. Although it was in the month of January the weather was mild; in fact, a heavy rain had set in when I began my journey. As I had over two hundred miles to ride, I hoped that the weather would moderate before leaving the train; but as evening came on it seemed, if possible, to get worse. My train, an express, was drenched; the rain seemed to be thrown on the windows as if from a fireman's hose. The water found its way under the lamp ventilators, and splattered on the hot chimneys until they cracked in a hundred places, and in some cases put out the light. On the way I passed many fine houses, some of which seemed as if they belonged to another age. Then we glided through forests of rough, gnarled trees, some of which were almost horizontal, and many were covered with lichens; then past great reaches of water and past weather-beaten stone walls venerable with mosses. As night came on, the passengers pulled down the blinds to help the few poor lamps that were left to light the gloom. Most of the men had turned up their coat collars and sat moody. Somehow, the wild storm outside

and the mighty rush of the train soothed me ; but soon I felt the trembling of the cars as the brakes were applied, and my train, with its great engine panting like a giant, stopped at my station. Another moment and it was off, and as I saw its red lights swallowed up by the thick darkness, I felt lonesome. I said "station," but station there was none that I could see. Huge embankments on either side, steep as a Gothic roof, and composed of slippery clay, made the descent anything but agreeable, not to say perilous. I reached the bottom in safety, but loaded with tenacious mud. I waited long enough to scrape off as much as I could, and then looked around. My umbrella was of no use. The wind blew it inside out, but was accommodating enough to turn it back when held right. I found myself in an old orchard. A few giant apple-trees flung their skeleton branches against the sky. An old farmhouse stood in the orchard. Some of its windows were boarded up, some had paper pasted over the broken panes. The foundations in many places had fallen to decay, showing black gaps in spite of the darkness. The savage growls of a big dog warned me to take as few notes as possible ; but the weather was a protection here, as the dog was under the house and had more sense than to come out. I stumbled on in the darkness, wondering whether I had not made a mistake, when I stepped into a glare of light that half blinded me. But I saw a sidewalk which was made of stone slabs in sections of uneven distances. The road was filled with tiny rivulets, which, in spite of storm rubbers, wet my feet. (I think that is why they were called "storm rubbers.") I peered around for marks to identify the missionary's home, and luckily I found it just as the storm with redoubled fury made my umbrella resemble a bewitched haystack. In another moment I stood in a spacious hall, brilliantly lighted, while warm air came up through registers. All was bright with beautiful furniture, elegant rugs, books, center tables ; and a smiling welcome from the pastor warmed my heart. Was it all a dream ? Did I really pass through an old orchard, with a farmhouse in it ? My umbrella was not a dream ; my wet feet were real enough. What did it all mean ?

It was all real, and I was in New York City !



## HOW CAN WE HELP THE HOME MISSIONARIES?

WE can tell you ten of the ways now open.

1. Have you fairly good library books—any good books—lying on your shelves unused ?
2. Have you an old church carpet, not quite worn out, out of which some good pieces could be secured for aisles, pulpit, rugs, etc. ?

3. Have you taken out your "Bailey reflector" and put in electricity? And should you like to place the reflector, or reflectors, where they "will do the most good"?

4. Have you files of the *Youth's Companion*, the *Century*, *Harper's Magazine* or their *Weekly*, or other good illustrated papers, that you would like to pass on—you paying the freight?

5. Have you fifty or more fairly good copies of *Gospel Hymns*, or any other Sunday-school or devotional singing books that you can spare?

6. Have you a dozen copies of any anthem book, or sheet anthems, that you are not now using?

7. Have you purchased a new communion set, and do you wish to have the old one be doing some good somewhere?

8. Would you like to know where you can build a memorial chapel for \$250 in a needy place that has no church or church services of any kind?

9. Would you like to invest twenty-five dollars in a "baby organ," to be used with a Gospel tent in a frontier campaign?

10. Would you or your society like to buy a twenty-five-dollar scholarship that will pay the expense of one student's tuition for one year in a Christian academy?

If you can answer any one of these questions with a happy "Yes," send to the office of The Home Missionary, Bible House, New York, for the name of the place needing one or more of these articles.



## MONTH'S WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

I HAVE served the Society and the churches this month by preaching or calling in sixteen different towns. The extreme limit of the district visited was about 550 miles, causing about 1,500 miles of travel. I have made in the month 151 pastoral calls, have preached thirty times, attended two councils, and have started on a vacation of two weeks.

The work of the month was altogether among our needy, weak, and struggling churches. It is impossible for me to give an adequate idea of the meaning of such work among these—many of them suffering not only from the general depression, but also from crop failures. They all represent homes in great need of spiritual help, and communities in which all that stands for righteousness is found in the weak and struggling church.

At Longton our people were hopeful, showing the good work of pastor Moore, who left because of poor health. They have grown in the last year, showing a real maturing and a decided church life. In fact, one of the

noticeable features of the present stress is the development of character in the aided churches.

At Severy I spent a season in perfecting arrangements for the coming of their new pastor. Little River and Chase were visited, and a brotherly visit made to Rev. Charles T. Young, who seems to be near the point of death. He has been taken to Colorado by one of the families of Little River, who have broken up housekeeping and moved to Colorado Springs for the express purpose of caring for their pastor—an act as beautiful as it is unusual. At Strong City I found our work in growing favor under student management, in care of our brother, Aaron Breck. One Sunday was spent in Junction City with the struggling band who are pressing on against many obstacles. A week's meeting was held with pastor Waldrop at Buffalo Park, resulting in conversions and great good to Christians.

At Banner Grove I attended a "double council" for the recognition of Fairview, Western, and the Alanthus churches. The councils convened in a grove, and with a basket-dinner and appropriate services made the occasion most memorable. A season spent at Atwood was very graciously recognized by the people. Rev. Mr. Dixon has been for several weeks disabled by illness from pastoral work. Hence the mid-week service, which I held, and a call upon every member of the Atwood church, except one who lived far away, was a help in time of need. I spent three days in Goodland, where our work seems on a better basis than ever before.

Present prospects are rather disheartening, yet our churches will live and have a field of usefulness. As never before, I believe they are doing a work for God, and were it not for the peculiarly changeable nature of the people's habits they might build up faster. There have been sixteen professed conversions this month, as well as many testimonies of new heart rest. God is good, proving his faithfulness in grace all the way.—  
REV. W. C. VEAZIE, *Kansas*.



## ONE WEEK WITH THE HOME MISSIONARY

BY REV. A. E. RICKER, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

FOURTEEN miles south of Chadron, on the prairies of Northwestern Nebraska, is a little community that centers about Flag Butte schoolhouse. Nine years ago, when the coming of railroads brought immigration into this region, a Home Missionary from Chadron went into it and preached to the settlers. The result was the organization of a little Congregational church. So far are they from other churches—and they are too few and poor to support a minister themselves—that their enjoyment of Gospel privileges has been often interrupted. For long periods, especially when



the sister church at Chadron was pastorless, they have been deprived of a pastor's ministrations, except as indifferently supplied by frontier itinerants. The tide of life in the little church has naturally been fluctuating, and even its name has not always found its place in the Year Book.

So it is not surprising that, soon after the Home Missionary in Chadron became settled, calls began to come to him to preach to the Christian brethren at Flag Butte. At last, after an earnest appeal from Brother W., an appointment was made for the afternoon and evening of Easter Sabbath, with meetings to be held on the evenings of the preceding week. When the set time came it was a forbidding day. An icy north wind flung broadsides of spiteful and threatening snowflakes into the face of the venturesome traveler. The missionary doubted the wisdom of driving to a schoolhouse fourteen miles distant, to face the certainty of a very small audience and the probability of none. But early in the afternoon Mrs. W., with whose husband the appointment had been made, drove up to the parsonage with a message from her husband, urging that the missionary should not disappoint them. Concluding that, if a woman could face that north wind, he could ride the same distance with the wind to urge him on, the minister harnessed the home missionary horse, and the week of missionary work began. Though the cold did penetrate two overcoats and gloves, and though the hearers that night were only four or five, the evident gladness with which Brother W. and his good mother received him made the visitor glad, too, that he had not failed them.

Next day began the visitation "from house to house" and the home missionary experiences here to be told. Two or three miles south of the schoolhouse where the little band of worshipers meet, runs an irregular and picturesque line of hills known far and near as "the Pine Ridge." The prairie lifts itself gradually to the foot of the ridge, and is broken at frequent intervals by deep gulches, or canyons. The hills themselves are sprinkled with pine trees, in a growth of varying density, often extending to their summits. Jagged and grotesquely fashioned rocks crown the tops of others. The peaks are of various heights, some of them almost approaching the dignity of small mountains. One of them, upon which the settlers have erected a flagstaff, gives its name to the district, the schoolhouse, and the church. It was in this region that the missionary's pastoral visitation was to be done. Enough snow had fallen to make drifts in the cuts, and the wind was still blowing cold and strong from the north. The minister, accompanied by Brother W. as guide, had just driven across "Dead Horse" creek, and was climbing the steep ascent out of its canyon. Just at the crest of the hill was a snowdrift. Turning out of the road to what seemed an easier way of escape, he urged "Old Flo." to do her best, and bravely she climbed through and up. But exactly where the pitch of the hill was steepest and the snow was deepest, snap went the swingletree.

The horse went on, but the buggy stopped. The minister was brought up on a farm and he held to the reins. In a twinkling he and Brother W. were out, and an inventory of the losses was made. A broken swingletree and a moderate "rip" in the harness were all. What with Yankee ingenuity, the halter rope, a strap or two and a handkerchief, the damages were repaired sufficiently to take them to the next house. There was found generous assistance, and rivets, bailing-wire, and ropes made all as strong as new, and far more attractive.

This stopping place where repairs were made—would that it might be put upon canvas for you. A deep canyon, perhaps forty to fifty feet below the general level (if there be a level to such a country), very steep sides, a very narrow bottom, pine timber of considerable size and density everywhere, and close at hand the heights of the Pine Ridge, like giant sentinels standing guard over the home of the pioneer, his log house cozily snuggled among the pines, well down the side of the canyon. His wife, a Catholic, met the visitors with a cordial welcome. Here for ten long years she and her husband have toiled and endured the hardships and privations of frontier life together. Here their sons and daughters have lived most of their days, and received their impressions as to what this world is, and what life in it means. But there are in this settler's cabin matters of interest. On the wall is a splendid pair of deer horns which some bold buck, ignorant of the good man's skill with the rifle, had lost by his rashness, in the early days. On the floor are two pelts of the red fox, soft, beautiful—"caught this winter."

Do not imagine this to be a destitute home. An organ stands in one corner. A few books are on a stand in another. A few simple pictures are on the walls, and everywhere modest ornamentation bespeaks the instinctive skill of a woman's hand. But what a life! To us somewhat picturesque, perhaps a little romantic, too. But how isolated, how thoroughly shut off from the great world and the meaning of its mighty on-rushing; and, most serious of all, shut off so largely from the glorious gospel of life and culture. This picture is given as being in a measure typical of the situation of these people on the plains and away from railroads and towns. A kind word, an invitation to the meetings—heeded, for the young folks were out after that—and the missionary passed on to visit other homes. A larger audience was out the second night, with closest attention to the message. The next day, with another brother as guide, the missionary went to the meeting of the Ladies' Society! Yes, they have one even among these widely scattered workers. This ladies' society on the prairies, among hard-working farmers' wives, may have more than one lesson for Christian sisters in more favored communities. Once in two weeks, on Thursdays, they meet at the home of some one of the members. The ladies come early, with

their children, some of them babies, and bring scissors and thimbles. The day is spent over quilt or garments, working for the lady in whose home they meet. The hostess furnishes a dinner—an honest, wholesome, abundant meal—and the “men folks” from the various homes appear in time for it. The missionary asks God’s blessing upon them all, at the table, and each one pays *five cents* for the meal, the money going into the Society’s treasury. One lady fed twenty-seven persons “when the Society was at her house.” To-day a smaller number is present, but nine or ten ladies took part in the work. This society has maintained itself for years, and regularly contributes its due proportion to the necessities of the little church. So here, as ever since the earthly days of our Lord, the faithful women constitute a strong element in the army of the Redeemer, and “minister unto him of their substance.” In the afternoon the sun wooes the grass roots, and the wind is at rest. “Old Flo.” is hitched to the buggy, and with his guide the minister was able to visit four more homes, with invitations to the meetings. In one he found a Christian wife and mother, whose ill-health prevented her attendance upon divine service, and it was his privilege with her to open the wonderful Book and kneel in prayer.

That night the little schoolhouse was full, and the Spirit of the Lord was in the Word: Psalm xxxvii: 5, “Commit thy way unto the Lord.” The fourth day seven or eight calls were made, and Old Flo. did a faithful home missionary day’s work. If the minister could give you a picture of some of these homes as he saw them, the need temporal and spiritual, if he could reveal to you the privations, the tremendous obstacles, and the bitter disappointments involved in the settlement of a new country, it would make a stirring chapter in the book of Home Missions, and give the friends of the cause a new vision of the nature, value, and need of this frontier Christian work.

One experience of this fourth day on the Flag Butte field must not go untold. In the afternoon, with Mrs. W. as pilot, he started to visit “Grandma A.” Four or five miles of climbing hills and crossing valleys and we came, at last, to an isolated log shanty. In the distance a man was lazily plowing in the field. Mrs. W. said: “That is Grandma’s only son, and the only relative the old lady has in all this country. He goes to town, drinks, and stays away sometimes three or four days. I don’t see how Grandma gets along at all.” The missionary tied the horse and turned toward the old log-house. It was a warm day, and the door was open. As they drew near they saw down in one corner of the room what proved to be a woman’s bent form, evidently engaged in some work on the floor. “Why, Grandma, what are you doing?” cried Mrs. W. “Well, I declare! cutting potatoes! Grandma, you are too old to do such work. I don’t see how you do it.” There were the potatoes on the floor, part of them cut



for the planting, and this decrepit old woman, over whose head had passed the mighty tide of more than eighty years, was cutting potatoes for her son, who was planting them with the help of horses and plow. Slowly the bent form straightened a little, unsteadily and tremblingly—for Grandma had “had a shock”—and a wrinkled, dark face was turned toward the visitors. It was a shrunken, black, uninviting face, but Mrs. W. kissed it just the same, and then introduced the missionary. The conversation was mostly between the two women, but it soon appeared that back of that withered old face was a good degree of Christian knowledge and real understanding, and beneath the almost repulsive exterior was a heart that was loyal to Jesus Christ. Despite the burden of great age and physical infirmity, memory was active and clear. She told of her girlhood days, in the far-off but ever verdant realm of youth, “away back in Missouri.” She recounted the circumstances of her conversion and baptism, and gave the names of the ministers by whom she was led into the kingdom. Oh, the pathos of it all—this poor old soul with the memory of husband and home and sons and daughters, of brighter days fresh on the tablets of the mind, but left now in her age and widowhood, like Naomi of old, among strangers in a strange land, with only this wretched son and poverty and want to attend her declining years—the infinite pathos of it all came over the visitors like the shadow of a great sorrow upon the family circle. After kneeling in prayer to the Father of the desolate and widow, the minister gave her his hand and tried to speak some fitting word of comfort, some gentle benediction. Then the tongue of the old woman was loosed, and the benediction was fittingly spoken: “I’m glad ye come. It was good o’ ye to come ’way out here to see a poor ol’ woman who hain’t got no friends nor kin in all the ’arth no more. I thank the Lord fer yer words, an’ that he put it in yer heart t’ come an’ speak ’em. I sh’l never fergit ’em. They’re a comfort t’ me ol’ soul. They’re a light in me dark life. They’re marrer t’ me bones. I hope ye’ll come agin. The Lord bless ye, the Lord bless ye.” And the poor old hand trembled yet more violently, and the voice was even more unsteady. The missionary pressed the hand of the old saint, and tried to speak; but the blessing was one of stammering words, and we passed out into the sunshine that somehow seemed blurred, as when seen through falling rain. Good Mrs. W. kissed her again—a better benediction than the minister’s—and speaking a cheery word, she turned to guide the way to other homes.

That night the schoolhouse was well filled again, and the missionary talked about the obstacles that keep men away from Christ.

The rest of that week’s work is quickly told. The next morning was Saturday, and the minister drove home to Chadron. On Sabbath morning he preached an Easter sermon in the home church. A programme prepared for the evening released the pastor, and in the afternoon he drove



again to Flag Butte, and preached at three o'clock and again in the evening. At the former service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, and seven members were added to the little flock, five of them on confession of their faith in a divine Savior. Grandma A. was out to church that afternoon ! Brother W. had gone over in the morning with his easiest carriage and brought her to his home, which was on the way. In the afternoon she was taken to the schoolhouse, strong arms lifted her out and led her tenderly, reverently, to a comfortable chair set in the place of honor. And tears were shed when they saw her thus once more in her life entering with trembling the place of worship ; and that Easter sermon was the first and only Gospel message Grandma A. had listened to since she came to Nebraska.

Monday morning Old Flo.'s face was turned toward home, and the minister held the reins with the feeling that a reasonably good and busy week's work for the Master had been done. Old Flo. jogged along the sunlighted road with a clear conscience, and the meadow larks sang of spring.



## EL PASO (TEXAS) JAIL WORK

BY REV. H. W. HOULDING, NOW OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THIS work was begun in July, 1893, under our denominational care, by Mrs. J. M. Leitch. It being a new work, but little interest, except in the singing, was taken by the workers or by the prisoners during the first year. During the six months of 1893 there were held twenty-five services, and 6,150 pages of literature were distributed. In 1894 fifty-two services were held ; average attendance of workers, four ; 12,000 pages of literature distributed ; six Chinese, one Spanish, and thirty English Bibles and thirty Testaments were given away ; eleven signed pledge cards to live a better life ; ten letters were received and answered. In 1895 forty-eight services were held (for four weeks admission was withheld from the workers, owing to bad behavior of prisoners) ; average attendance of workers, eight ; 12,500 pages of literature and six English Bibles and thirty Testaments were distributed ; nineteen signed pledge cards to live a better life, of which six are kept in view and they are leading honorable lives ; twenty-five letters were received and answered. In 1896 twenty-five services have been held so far ; 8,000 pages of literature, thirty-six Testaments, six English and six Spanish Bibles have been given away.

During this year we have been using Moody's prison library series and find them very helpful, especially the book, "And Peter" ; three have signed pledge cards ; one has united with our own church ; another will

soon unite with the Baptist church ; letters received and answered, twenty-five.

Our total expenses for the three years are : For Bibles and Testaments, books and papers, clothing, stamps and paper, flowers, organ rent, \$27.85. This money has been contributed by three of the workers. For the past year and a half a small " Story & Clark " organ has been loaned us, which we now hope to buy.

During the past year more workers were willing to help than could be used, as a few can do better work among the men than can be done by changing workers often.

The jailer reports that our work is helpful to him in that it keeps the prisoners in a quiet mood. Our exercises consist of good music, short pointed talks and prayers, both in Spanish and English. The Spanish exercises are conducted by three boys from the Rio Grande Congregational Training School, through the kind aid of Rev. A. C. Wright.

The following is a letter sent by one of the prisoners to Mrs. Leitch (men are never asked to write to us if they have friends, as they are allowed only one letter a month) :

" I wish to say that I have found my way to Jesus. I have lived a sinful life ; but I have asked and do every day ask God to forgive my sins and keep me steadfast. I rely on his Holy Word and promises that through his sufferings my sins will be forgiven. I want to be a follower of him.

" I will leave here in July. It is my wish to see you and the pastor. I am anxious that my associations may be good, and that I may start on a career of true Christian living. Please pray for me, that God will find a way for me to get started so that I can be with Christian people and Christian influences to surround me ; that I may have opportunity to attend church services and study God's Holy Word. I am glad that my mind has been opened to see that my soul is of more importance than anything else, and to save it I must be on Christ's side continually. I thank you all for the instruction you have given me.

" Yours truly,

" ——— ———."



## NOT DISCOURAGED IN FRONTIER WORK

NEARLY three years ago Rev. D. F. Bright was called to this field (Taylor, Neb.) as pastor. That fall the hot winds took nearly everything, and the farmers have not since had anything like a fair crop.

We then had an organization of twenty-four members and were about to build a house of worship, which we finally accomplished at a sacrifice. Last year, aided by Eastern friends, we put up a sod house of worship with shingle roof at Cummings Park, an out-station.

Rev. H. Evans and wife, of Burwell, assisted in a series of meetings, as

a result of which forty-two have professed conversion, thirty-four have united with the church, and probably ten or fifteen more will unite soon.

Although the pastor, because of these hard times, has sacrificed at least \$300 of his salary, and has given a great deal of time and labor to church building, he has had the joy of seeing God's blessing upon his work, shown in the building of two churches; an addition of fifty or more members; the organization of two Christian Endeavor Societies, one Sabbath-school, and a Ladies' Aid Society.

Our next effort will be a parsonage, which we very much need. It is very hard for a pastor to do justice to himself and his work with a small salary much of which his people are not able to pay; but the Lord has wonderfully blessed us, and we look for greater things.



## PERSONAL LETTER FROM REV. JAMES HAYES

[Our readers will be interested to know that our old friend, the "coal-mine preacher," has begun work in good earnest in his new and extensive field, Danville, Ill. The following extract from a personal letter tells the story.—ED.]

"THE thought has come to me that possibly you might enjoy a few items telling how my new work opens up in the new field. Our congregations are large, sometimes more than can get into the old building, which is really unsafe. Some of the seats have given way at times under too much weight. A brick church in the central part of this town is a necessity. We have no money, but there are crowds of idle men and boys on every hand; so we have rented a brickyard, and are inviting all these idle ones into it to make brick for the new church. We have about 50,000 bricks already made and we want to burn next month a kiln of 200,000 more. It will take about 150,000 for the building, and the balance we expect to exchange for lumber, etc. All this labor thus far is donated, except that of the molders and the superintendent of the yard. We pay the molders every two weeks. Some of these also are giving one-third of their wages. Then we have some bricklayers who have promised to give us a week's labor in putting up the walls. The men have offered to quarry the stone for the trimmings of the building, if the owner of the quarry will give the stone. It looks now like a success.

"On our side of the river there are no saloons and the public sentiment is strong against them. Our people are trying to stop the beer wagons from passing through here on Sunday on their way to other parts of my field where the saloon power reigns.

"The nightmare of nothingness is lifting and I believe the Lord is with us. This is a great field and, oh, how it needs the blessed Gospel! Down

at ——, where we must go, they have their fourth murder on hand since January. At ——, there are more than 500 souls of all nations heaped together. Beer is sold by the barrel, and twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds is kept from the men for a church five miles away, which is *not* a Congregational church. Mrs. Hayes went down to this place last week with some of our ladies and asked one of the proprietors kindly if he would let her have one of the houses there for a Sunday-school. The man was not civil even to the ladies. But with the help of the Lord we shall do something for him there. A colored woman told Mrs. Hayes, the other day, that she would have to move away, for she couldn't raise her family in such a place as that. Mrs. Hayes gave her one of Mr. Moody's books and she began to read it with great interest at once.

"If we can succeed in our plans here, in two years this church will be self-supporting, and then we will give more attention to the great missionary field in our vicinity. We have some splendid people here. We have received nine already, and several others talk of joining. We are keeping a careful record of all the proceedings of our brickyard, the Endeavor work, the Sunday-school work, and the church work—and we think that after a while it will make an interesting chapter."



### YET ANOTHER GOOD BOOK, FREE

WITH more copies of his useful work, "The Conversion of Children," of which many have already gone into the hands of our brethren in the field, REV. EDWARD PAYSON HAMMOND kindly sends us a supply of another work of his, "Jesus, the Lamb of God." The little illustrated volume of seven chapters (184 pages), tells in simple language the story of our Savior's coming, teachings, sufferings, and death for sinners, in a way that can hardly fail to catch the attention, waken and keep alive the interest of children of ordinary intelligence and thoughtfulness. Accompanied with judicious guidance of parents, pastors, teachers, or Christian friends, the book should prove—as in many instances it has already proved—largely instrumental in leading young souls to Christ and making them active workers in his kingdom.

Home missionaries expressing by letter or postal card their desire for a copy shall be served by mail, without charge, so long as the supply lasts. And if those who find good results from the use of the book, will write thereof briefly to the author, at 25 Atwood Street, Hartford, Conn., the little work may so be made still more helpful to others. Our brethren will always find Mr. Hammond glad to hear from them as to their helps, hindrances, and successes in special work for children.



## THE TREASURY

1896-97

	CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....	\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....	5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....	8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....	14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04

OF these July receipts, \$1,800 were from subscribers to the General Howard Roll of Honor, and \$321.00 were "specials for the debt." At its August meeting the Executive Committee voted that this amount (\$2,121.00) be paid upon the debt of April, 1895, reducing the amount still due thereon to \$37,145.27.

In these hot, humid August days, with no let-up as yet of the long-felt business depression, it is a relief to see that the receipts in July, both from contributions and legacies, though not large, are well in advance of those of either of the three previous months of the new fiscal year. Evidently, the friends of Home Missions in their summer dispersion are not forgetting to pray and give for the spiritual welfare of the land they love—the land whose political and financial well-being so presses on their hearts just now.

We look upon this increase as a token that on their return to regular work the pastors, churches, schools, associations, executors, and individual givers to whom, under God, this Society has so long looked for the supply of its treasury will nobly rally for its relief, as heretofore.

Meanwhile we trust that the God of our fathers, whose remembrance of their prayers and sacrifices has saved the land from so many perils, will have at least begun to lift from the shoulders of our people the burden under which they have struggled bravely and long. "He is faithful that promised."



## THE GENERAL O. O. HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR

Previously acknowledged, 905; subscriptions added below, 7; total number of shares, 912.

Mrs. E. H. MEACHAM, New Haven, Vt.

A FRIEND, Rockville, Conn.

ELIOT CHURCH, Newton, Mass.

SOPHIA M. LUCE, Marion, Mass.

A FRIEND, ———, Mass.

IN MEMORY OF REV. J. HOWE VORCE, by First Congregational Church, Derby, Conn.

C. H. BEERS, Chicago, Ill.

## APPOINTMENTS IN JULY, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Biggers, Lorenzo J., Phoenix City, Ala.  
 Bingham, James A., Hennessey, Turkey Creek,  
 and Vernon, Okla.  
 Bird, Martin B., Brainerd, Minn.  
 Branan, Seborn R., Echo, Ala.  
 Buyundurian, H., New York City, N. Y.  
 Cartledge, Henry, Lantana and Linton, Fla.  
 Condo, Samuel F., Marion, Ind.  
 Dodd, Arthur C., Dehesa, Cal.  
 Donaldson, Levi J., Tavares, Fla.  
 Grant, John W., Tidmore and Tidwell, Ala.  
 Griffin, John A., Coal Bluff, Caseyville, Perth,  
 and Cardonia, Ind.  
 Halbert, Charles T., Meckling, So. Dak.  
 Hard, Jasper W., Granite Falls and Maple Hill,  
 Wash.  
 Hawkes, Albert S., Mountain Home, Idaho.  
 Hensel, William A., Spencer and Butte, Neb.  
 Heyward, James W., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Hicks, William H., McAlester, Ind. Ter.  
 Holt, John S., Lanette Factory, Ala.  
 Keyes, Russell M., Lake Preston and Lake Henry,  
 So. Dak.  
 Leadford, Joseph, Wier, Ga.  
 Murphy, James S., Enid, Okla.  
 Murray, Edward W., Central, Beechwood, and  
 Cedarwood, Ind.  
 Olson, Anton, Trade Lake, Wis.  
 Paxton, Robert F., Campbell and Tintah, Minn.  
 Pearce, Franklin E., Nordhoff, Cal.  
 Posey, Rufus P., Chepultepec, Ala.  
 Ray, G. W., Cripple Creek, Colo.  
 Siler, William J., Choctaw City, Minneha, and  
 Hartzell, Okla.  
 Smith, James C., Alexandria, Ind.  
 Strenly, D. E., Culbertson and Hanes Co., Neb.  
 Upshaw, William L., North Enid and Paradise,  
 Okla.

*Re-commissioned*

Adams, Clinton B., Philadelphia, Penn.  
 Barnes, A. E., Fertile and Maple Bay, Minn.  
 Barnes, Mrs. A. S., Castle, Mont.  
 Bartlett, Dana W., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Baskerville, Mark, Tekoa and Farmington,  
 Wash.  
 Beadenkoff, Thomas M., Baltimore, Md.  
 Bechtel, Philip, Tyndall and Emmanuel Creek,  
 So. Dak.  
 Birlew, Gordon E., San Rafael, New Mex.  
 Bishop, Albert W., Parsons, Kan.  
 Bjorklund, Ernst V., Mankato and Kasota, Minn.  
 Blakeslee, Allen D., Denver, Colo.  
 Blankenship, Jefferson D., De Funiak Springs,  
 Fla.  
 Bond, John J., New Village and Farmingville,  
 N. Y.  
 Bradford, Benjamin F., Cedar Grove, N. J.  
 Brearley, William H., Wahoo, Neb.  
 Brewer, William F., Atlanta and Braden, Ga.  
 Brink, Lee A., Gettysburg, So. Dak.  
 Brower, Asher A., Wichita, Kan.  
 Brown, Robert P., Arapaho and Independence,  
 Okla.  
 Brown, Willard D., Interlachen, Fla.  
 Bunnell, John J., Fort Payne, Ala.  
 Burr, William N., Perris, Cal.  
 Butler, William, Byron and Bethany, Cal.  
 Buttram, Elijah A., Potolo and Caryville, Fla.  
 Childs, Lucas S., Seward, Oak Ridge, and Brigh-  
 ton, Okla.  
 Christian, William C. D., Clara, Ga.  
 Clark, Orville C., Missoula and Bonner, Mont.  
 Clark, J., Berkeley, Cal.

Combe, Philip, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Cram, Delbert W., Staples, Minn.  
 Culver, William C., Kingston, Ala.  
 Cumbus, George W., Columbus, Ga.  
 Darnell, Elias, Dawsonville, Ga.  
 Davis, Joseph W., St. Mary, Ohio.  
 Day, Ernest, Lyle, Minn.  
 Day, William C., Mokelumne Hill, Cal.  
 De Long, Thomas W., San Miguel, Cal.  
 Denison, Robert C., Little Rock, Ark.  
 Dexter, Granville M., Cottonwood, Cal.  
 Dick, Jeremiah M., Hubbard, Smyrna, and El-  
 liott Prairie, Ore.  
 Doty, Micajah, Glenview, So. Dak.  
 Drew, Frank L., Henry, So. Dak.  
 Dungan, George, Otis and Hyde, Colo.  
 Earl, Theophilus, San Diego, Cal.  
 East, William R., Sulligent, Ala.  
 Eckles, John G., Porterville, Cal.  
 Edmonds, Robert H., Mansfield, Ohio.  
 Edwards, Jonathan, Spokane, Pleasant Prairie,  
 and Hillyard, Wash.  
 Edwards, Miss Rosine M., Spokane and Trent,  
 Wash.  
 Emerson, Nicholas, Dial and Mount Ayr, Kan.  
 Engstrom, Alfred P., Spencer Brook, Minn.  
 Evans, George S., Hudson, So. Dak.  
 Findlay, John J., Vernondale, Cal.  
 Fleming, Moses G., Amandaville, Comer, Dan-  
 jelsville, and Five Forks, Ga.  
 Fletcher, Rufus W., Quillayute, Wash.  
 Frame, Ezra E., Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 Frazer, Charles W., Key West, Fla.  
 Fritzmeier, William, Crete, Neb.  
 Fuller, Almon T., New Smyrna and Oak Hill,  
 Fla.  
 Gordon, William, Field's Landing and Elk River,  
 Cal.  
 Graham, William H., The Rock, Lifsey, Hen-  
 dricks, and Taylor, Ga.  
 Gilliam, John W., North Rome, Plainville, and  
 Holland Springs, Ga.  
 Hale, Edson D., Lincoln and Fruitvale, Cal.  
 Halliday, Joseph C., Orange City, Fla.  
 Hardaway, George W., Longwood and Palm  
 Springs, Fla.  
 Harper, Joel, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Haven, Egbert D., Rocklin, Cal.  
 Hawks, John S., Carrier, Glenella, and Alvaretta,  
 Okla.  
 Helms, George L., Cresbard and Myron, So. Dak.  
 Henning, George W., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Hilkerbaeumer, Richard, Sutton and Stockham,  
 Neb.  
 Hjetland, John H., Granite Falls, Minn.  
 Hodel, Abraham, McCook, Neb.  
 Holway, J. W., Drummond, Cable, and Mason,  
 Wis.  
 Horne, Gideon, Roberta, Clark's Mill, Magda-  
 lena, and Woodbury, Ga.  
 Hubbard, William B., Armour, So. Dak.  
 Hull, Lyman, Garden City, Pierceville, and Sher-  
 lock, Kan.  
 Hurlburt, Wallace, Beaverton and Tualitin, Ore.  
 Ives, Joseph B., Paradise, Cal.  
 James, Horace P., Colfax, Wash.  
 Jasper, Gustavus A., Hydesville and Rohnerville,  
 Cal.  
 Jenkins, David L., Eagle Rock, Cal.  
 Johnson, Alfred K., Rosedale and Poso, Cal.  
 Jones, John D., Medical Lake, Wash.  
 Josephson, Hans F., Clintonville, Wis.  
 Judah, Solomon B., Wausau and Coatsville, Fla.  
 Kimball, Jeremiah, West Superior, Wis.  
 Kindred, George, Tolt, Wash.  
 Koch, Johannes, Portland, Ore.  
 Langdale, Thomas G., Clark, So. Dak.  
 Lee, George, Vernon and Bonifay, Fla.

Lewis, Thomas G., Colville, Wash.  
 Lindley, Thomas M., Christiana and Lamar, Ala.  
 Loomis, Eli R., South Bend, Wash.  
 Lyle, Andrew J., Strickland, Ga.  
 McConaughy, Frank, Deer Park, Clayton, and  
 Loon Lake, Wash.  
 Manley, Richard C., Meansville, Ga.  
 Marcellus, David, Renovo, Penn.  
 Mason, Charles E., Challis, Idaho.  
 Matthews, James T., Blossburg, Penn.  
 Mead, Marten H., Provo, Utah.  
 Mills, Ernest P., Kansas City, Kan.  
 Morris, George, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Mullenix, Mrs. Hannah M., Grand Meadow,  
 Minn.  
 Newell, William W., Duluth, Minn.  
 Newton, Howell E., Oxford, Ga.  
 Noble, Mason, Lake Helen, Fla.  
 Overton, Joseph, Oleander, Cal.  
 Parker, Frederick W., Huntington, Ore.  
 Parsons, A. S., General Missionary in Butte Co.,  
 Cal.  
 Parsons, Charles, Webster, So. Dak.  
 Pearson, John L., Oceanside and Encinitas, Cal.  
 Peterson, John, Clear Lake, Wis.  
 Phillips, John W., Bakersfield, Cal.  
 Pitman, Travis, Glenmore and Dupont, Ga.  
 Prescott, Matthew, Fredonia, Ala.  
 Rea, John, Mill Valley, Cal.  
 Read, James L., Medford and West Medford,  
 Okla.  
 Robertson, William J., Upshaw, Houston, and  
 Addison, Ala.  
 Rogers, John A., Alpine and Flinn Valley, Cal.

Rogers, Samuel J., Robbinsdale, Minn.  
 Ruddock, Charles A., Winthrop, Minn.  
 Ruddock, Edward N., Burtrum and Grey Eagle,  
 Minn.  
 Sanford, John I., New Duluth, Minn.  
 Schaeffe, John M., Pico Heights and Hyde Park,  
 Cal.  
 Searles, George R., Willard and Hudson, Minn.  
 Shaw, Edwin S., Cooperstown, No. Dak.  
 Shendel, William L., Toledo, Ohio.  
 Smith, Green N., Baxley, Ga.  
 Spence, William H., Lorain, Ohio.  
 Spriggs, John, Suches, Ga.  
 Stallings, J. J., General Missionary in Ala.  
 Staub, John J., Portland, Ore.  
 Tade, Ewing O., Avalon, Cal.  
 Trchka, Charles, Saint Paul, Minn.  
 Treiber, Daniel J., Sycamore, Kan.  
 Thurston, Thomas W., Dawson and Tappan, No.  
 Dak.  
 Trevor, Ernest A., Starkville, Colo.  
 Twyford, Mrs. Lucy E., Victory, Ala.  
 Vaughan, George W., Chulafinnec, Rosewood, and  
 Edwardsville, Ala.  
 Wales, Frederick H., Black Diamond, Cal.  
 Wells, Charles W., Cathlamet, Wash.  
 Williams, Stephen, Forman, Rutland, Cayuga,  
 and Havana, No. Dak.  
 Williams, William T., Slatington and Catasauqua,  
 Penn.  
 Wise, Daniel W., Ahtanum and Tampico, Wash.  
 Wright, A. C., Mexican work.  
 Young, Arthur G., Harvey, No. Dak.  
 Young, Harry W., Portland, Ore.

## RECEIPTS IN JULY, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 281 to 284.

### MAINE—\$30.00.

Bridgton, First, by J. H. Caswell.....	\$18 00
North Harpswell, A. Moore, special..	2 00
Yarmouth, First, by C. L. Marston ..	10 00

### NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$230.49.

F. C. I. and H. M. Union of N. H., Miss A. A. McFar- land, Treas.:	
Concord, South Ch., Dime Banks, for the debt.....	\$76 00
First, Dime Banks, for the debt.....	17 50
East Concord.....	12 50
Hopkinton.....	1 25
Merrimack Conf., for the debt.....	50 00
Penacook.....	2 88
West Concord.....	4 00
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Candia, by E. Hill.....	7 05
Canterbury, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. A. Patrick.....	6 50
Concord, A Friend.....	5 00
Fracestown, by A. Downes.....	9 81
Laconia, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. S. Til- ton, for Salary Fund.....	20 00
Stewartstown, Mrs. S. Converse.....	3 00
Wilton, Second, by C. Wilson.....	15 00

### VERMONT—\$840.23.

Bennington, Mrs. L. H. M. McCul- lough, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.	100 00
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Brattleboro, Center Ch., \$200; S. S., \$25, by W. C. Tyler, Treas. Vt. Dom. Miss. Soc.....	\$225 00
Burlington, College Street Ch., by G. G. Benedict.....	38 37
Hon. D. A. Hall, by Gen. O. O. Howard, special for the debt.....	2 00
Manchester, Ch., \$19.86; S. G. Cone, \$50, by S. G. Cone to const. Miss M. G. Cone a L. M.....	69 86
New Haven, Mrs. E. H. Meacham, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Rutland, by L. G. Bagley, to place the names of Mrs. G. W. Phillips and Henry A. Hall on Gen. How- ard Roll of Honor.....	200 00
S. S., by L. G. Bagley, to place the name of Henry A. Hall on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
St. Albans, by H. M. Stevens, for the debt.....	5 00

### MASSACHUSETTS—\$8,754.63; of which legacies, \$5,069.44.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	2,000 00
By request of donors, of which \$300 Gen. Howard Roll of Honor; Debt, \$52; Salary Fund, \$123.79..	478 79
Boston, Estate of Lucinda J. Harts- horn, by Henry R. Ellis, Ex.....	747 87
S. F. Wilkins, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund.....	50 00
"I. T. B.".....	200 00



Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tolman.....	\$176 32	First, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by M. E. Mersick, for Salary Fund.....	\$250 00
Easthampton, Payson Ch., by H. L. Clark, to const. Miss L. Ferry a L. M. East Longmeadow, First, by A. G. Crane.....	100 00	Humphrey Street, by N. P. Smith... Mrs. M. A. Jones, by S. A. Rice....	79 05 5 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by A. G. Crane.....	12 68	Newington, by E. W. Atwood.....	71 00
Enfield, Legacy of Mrs. Sarah Blodgett, by D. B. Gillett, Ex.....	60	New London, First Ch. of Christ, by H. C. Learned.....	51 40
By L. D. Potter.....	4,226 57	Second, by E. H. Wheeler.....	261 00
Hadley, Estate of J. B. Porter, by W. P. Porter, Trustee.....	40 00	Newtown, by G. F. Duncombe.....	28 42
Haydenville, by C. D. Wait.....	35 00	Norfolk, A Friend, by S. A. Selden... A Friend.....	5 00 5 00
Indian Orchard, by D. E. Greenaway.....	7 67	North Branford, from Estate of Luther Chidsey, by C. Page.....	8 08
Leominster, Woodbury Fund, by A. O. Wilder, Treas. Orthodox Cong. Ch. Newton Highlands, by G. May, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	46 18 120 00 100 00	North Woodbury, by G. F. Morris... Norwich Town, W. R. Lathrop.....	26 23 10 00
Northampton, Dorcas Soc. of the First, by Mrs. J. E. Clarke, for Salary Fund.....	62 50	Rockville, A Friend, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Pittsfield, A Friend, \$5 ; Needham S. S., \$3-70, by Rev. C. W. Shelton, for Salary Fund.....	8 70	Salisbury, by T. F. Dexter.....	62 13
Southampton, by H. G. Healey.....	28 25	Sharon, First, by R. E. Goodwin... Thomaston, First, by H. A. Welton...	16 15 5 53
Uxbridge, First, by Miss S. W. Mas-croft.....	33 50	Thompsonville, C. Kingsbury.....	5 00
West Boylston, Estate of A. P. H. Hunt, by C. W. Wheeler, Adm.....	60 00	Unionville, Woman's Miss. Soc., by Miss C. T. Marsh.....	6 00
Williamsburg, by H. W. Hill.....	20 00	Washington, First, by C. B. Nettle-ton.....	60 00
Worcester, W. H. Sawyer, Gen. How-ard Roll of Honor.....	100 00	Westchester, by E. E. Carrier.....	8 11
		West Winsted, H. A. Russell.....	5 00
CONNECTICUT—\$2,388.56; of which legacies, \$108.08.		NEW YORK—\$9,983.49; of which lega-cies, \$4,449.00.	
Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.	555 65	Received by William Spalding, Treas.:	
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.:		Bridgewater.....	\$13 30
Kensington, F. Kent, by his mother.....	\$5 00	Canandaigua.....	50 00
Bridgeport, First, L. B. Or-ganization, by Mrs. C. Smith.....	1 43	East Ashford.....	1 80
South Canaan, Aux., by Mrs. E. E. Manley.....	5 00	Ellington.....	5 30
Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., A Friend, by C. E. Thomp-son.....	2 00	Homer.....	16 00
		Napoli.....	5 31
		Rochester, South.....	35 00
		Rev. H. C. Riggs.....	37 50
		Watertown, \$20 ; S. S., \$10.....	30 00
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Black Rock, by D. H. Sturgis, to const. Mrs. H. C. Woodruff a L. M. Columbia, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. J. Fuller.....	13 43 81 00 2 50	Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:	
Derby, First, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, In Memoriam of Rev. J. H. Noice, by N. J. Bailey.....	100 00	Carthage, Jr. C. E.....	\$2 10
East Hampton, by S. M. Bevin.....	15 75	Parishville, Ch. and S. S., for the debt.....	19 00
Ellington, A Friend, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00		21 10
East Woodstock, by J. M. Paine....	34 00	Albany, Miss E. M. E.....	15 00
Fairfield, by E. Osborn.....	50 00	Barryville, by J. F. Whitney.....	2 37
Guilford, First, by E. W. Leete, to const. N. G. Burr a L. M.....	50 00	Brooklyn, William Mackey, in full for debt.....	50 00
Hanover, by Rev. L. H. Higgins, for the debt.....	8 50	George P. Stockwell, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Hartford, A Friend.....	2 00	Denmark, Legacy of Sophia Snell, by V. H. Cook, Ex.....	499 00
Higginum, by R. J. Gladwin.....	14 00	Fredonia, Miss A. Moody.....	5 00
Lebanon, First, by J. R. Maxwell....	45 85	Maine, by S. C. Carman.....	10 96
Marlboro, by W. W. Bolles.....	6 00	New York City, Atlantic Trust Co., dividends.....	3,700 00
Milford, First, by G. J. Smith, toward a L. M.....	41 78	O. W. Coe.....	50 00
New Britain, D. M. Rogers, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. M. H. Rogers and D. Rogers L. Ms.....	100 00	A Friend.....	5,000 00
New Haven, from the Estate of Margaret E. Shelley, by B. L. Lam-ber, Adm.....	100 00	Niagara Falls, First, by C. R. Thorne Perry Center, In Memoriam of Martha B. Sheldon, for the debt, by M. A. Barber.....	16 83 38 00
		Syracuse, on Account of Estate of Peter Burns.....	250 00
		Sr. C. E. Soc., by Rev. H. N. Kin-nev.....	19 57
		Walton, S. S., by H. C. Tobey.....	52 73
		Warsaw, S. S., by H. L. Martin.....	7 93
		West Brook, by T. S. Hoyt.....	3 00
		NEW JERSEY—\$412.50.	
		Chester, J. H. Cramer.....	30 00
		East Orange, K.....	100 00



Paterson, Auburn Street Ch., by J. Chase.....	\$7 50
Upper Montclair, Christian Union Ch., of which \$100 Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, by G. Bostwick ....	275 00

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$37.24.

East Smithfield, by O. B. Kellogg ...	5 00
Le Raysville, by Mrs. H. C. Lyon..	3 74
Monterey, Hawley Memorial, by Rev. A. Davison.....	22 75
Plymouth, Puritan Ch., by Rev. T. McKay.....	3 00
Renovo, Swedish Ch., by Rev. D. Marcellus.....	2 75

## MARYLAND—\$4.41.

Baltimore, Canton Ch., by Rev. T. M. Beadenkoff.....	4 41
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$39.00.

Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Asso., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.: Washington, First, of which \$18 for Salary Fund.....	19 00
Washington, Ralph Dunning.....	20 00

## GEORGIA—\$39.39.

Woman's H. M. Union, Miss V. Holmes, Treas.: Atlanta, Central Ch.....	20 00
Baxley, Friendship, by Rev. G. N. Smith.....	1 50
Columbus, by Rev. G. W. Cumbus...	5 00
Dawsonville, by Rev. E. Darnell...	50
Fort Valley, by Rev. J. F. Blackburn Powersville, Allen's Chapel, by Rev. W. C. Carter.....	4 00
Roberta, Clark's Mill, Magdalena, and Woodbury, by Rev. G. Horne.	1 50
Suches, by Rev. J. Spriggs.....	2 50
The Rock, Lifsey, Hendricks, and Taylor, by Rev. W. H. Graham....	1 25
Wier, by Rev. J. Leadford.....	2 14
	1 00

## ALABAMA—\$7.50.

Chulafinnee, Fairview Ch., Rosewood, New Harmony Ch., and Edwardsville, Salem Ch., by Rev. G. W. Vaughan.....	2 00
Clanton and Mountain Spring Ch., and South Calera, by Rev. J. L. Busby.....	2 50
Clio, Concord Ch., Henderson, Wesley Chapel Ch., by Rev. N. H. Gibson.....	1 00
Rosehill, New Hope Ch., and Hilton, Antioch Ch., by Rev. T. A. Pharr...	1 00
Verbena, Shady Grove Ch., and Clanton, Union Point, by Rev. J. R. Crowson.....	1 00

## FLORIDA—\$13.40.

Bonifay, Vernon, and Dundee, Hurricane Ch., Ala., by Rev. G. Lee....	50
Bushnell, Mrs. L. W. Bigelow, for the debt.....	2 00
Longwood, Jr. C. E. Soc., by Rev. G. W. Hardaway.....	2 00

Ormond, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. C. Tottman.....	\$7 00
Portland, Black Oak, and Rocky Bayou, by Rev. D. A. Simmons....	1 40
Wausau, Harmony Ch., and Coatsville, Pleasant Hill Ch., by Rev. S. B. Judd.....	50

## TEXAS—\$3.50.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Treas.: Paris, First, for Salary Fund.....	3 50
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## OKLAHOMA—\$1.50.

Seward, Brighton, and Oak Ridge, by Rev. L. S. Childs.....	1 50
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## TENNESSEE—\$41.80.

East Lake, by Rev. T. S. McCallie ...	15 00
Memphis, Miss. Soc. of Strangers' Ch., by J. G. Bock.....	26 80

## OHIO—\$272.20; of which legacy, \$33.50.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.: Bellevue, Estate of Mrs. W. Moore, by Rev. C. K. Swartz.....	\$33 50
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by J. Snow.....	44 70
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Metcalf.....	11 00
Norwalk.....	7 40
Parkman, by Rev. S. R. Dole.....	6 00
	102 60

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland: Chardon, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. C. L. Smith.....	\$5 00
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by Justin Snow.....	16 37
Plymouth, Miss Mary A. Kendrick.....	2 00
	\$23 37

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.: Cleveland, Euclid Avenue.....	\$6 00
Mount Vernon.....	9 90
Springfield, First.....	2 75
	\$18 65
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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.: Medina, Dime Banks, Mrs. C. E. Clarke and Miss Bertha Brintnall.....	\$10 00
S. S. Primary class, Dime Bank.....	5 00
Norwalk, for Salary Fund.....	4 00
Springfield, First, for Salary Fund.....	10 00
First, C. E., for Salary Fund.....	5 00
S. S., Primary class, Dime Bank.....	5 00
Toledo, Washington Street, Dime Bank, Miss Sybil Johnson, \$4.60; Mrs. A. U. Young, \$5.....	9 60
Zanesville, for Salary Fund.....	5 00

Ashtabula, Finnish Ch., by Rev. F. Lehtinen .....	\$3 00
Bellevue, First, by Mrs. W. C. Wal-ter .....	4 75
S. W. Boise .....	10 00
Oberlin, First, by A. H. Johnson .....	40 23
Sullivan, by Rev. H. F. Thompson .....	16 00

## INDIANA—\$15.50.

Andrews, by Rev. C. C. Mackay .....	6 00
Fort Wayne, South Ch., by Rev. E. E. Frame .....	3 50
Michigan City, by Rev. M. E. Eversz .....	6 00

## ILLINOIS—\$155.00.

Chicago, E. P. Swartz, Silver Circle .....	5 00
Illinois, A Friend .....	50 00
Jacksonville, by W. S. Palmer, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor .....	100 00

## MISSOURI—\$15.75.

Kidder, by Rev. A. L. Gridley .....	5 25
St. Louis, Bethlehem, by Rev. A. L. Love .....	3 00
Springfield, German, by Rev. J. F. Graf .....	7 50

## WISCONSIN—\$115.17.

Received by Rev. T. G. Grassie:	
Bloomer, Ch., \$2; Ladies, \$4 .....	\$6 00
New Richmond, Ch., \$41.30;	
Ladies, \$5 .....	46 30
West Superior, Pilgrim .....	40 00
	92 30

Glenwood, Swedish Ch., by Rev. O. Ohlson .....	2 25
Peshtigo, by Mrs. G. Baikie .....	19 00
Wood Lake and Doctor's Lake, Swedish, by Rev. N. I. Nelson .....	1 62

## IOWA—\$5.00.

Wilton Junction, German Ch., by Rev. E. G. L. Mannhardt .....	5 00
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## MINNESOTA—\$143.11; of which leg-acy, \$112.18.

Brownston and Stewart, by Rev. J. W. Danford .....	13 41
Glenwood, by Rev. F. A. Sumner .....	4 40
Hawley, Estate of Adna Colburn, by W. Tanner .....	112 18
Minneapolis, Bethany Ch., by Rev. J. W. Heyward .....	2 00
Saint Paul, Bethany, by Rev. S. G. Arnett .....	1 00
Verndale, by Rev. R. W. Harlow .....	5 00
Worthington, Union Ch., by G. O. Moore .....	5 12

## KANSAS—\$55.28.

Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Comet, S. S. .....	\$2 44
Topeka, Central Ch. ....	10 40

Blue Rapids, by L. B. Tibbetts .....	2 24
Kansas City, Chelsea Place Ch., by Rev. W. B. Fisher .....	1 00

Kinsley, by Rev. H. H. Gilchrist .....	\$16 00
McPherson, Mrs. E. E. Shepley .....	10 00
Milford, \$2; White Cloud, \$3; Neta-waka, \$2.35; Valley Falls, \$5.85, by Rev. W. C. Veazie .....	13 20

## NEBRASKA—\$76.92.

Beatrice, Mrs. D. B. Hotchkiss .....	10 00
Carroll, Welsh, by Rev. S. Jones .....	2 10
Cortland, E. C. Day, for the debt .....	1 00
Fairmount, First, by Rev. A. A. Cress-man .....	7 75
Guide Rock, Superior, and Beaver Creek, German Chs., by Rev. F. Brennecke .....	1 00
Hallam, A Friend .....	5 00
Hastings, \$4.75; A Friend, \$2.50; and Inland, \$2.82, German Chs., by Rev. C. W. Wuerschmidt .....	10 07
Lincoln, First, by Rev. L. Gregory .....	17 00
By Rev. H. C. Halbersleben .....	5 00
German Ch., by Rev. J. Lich .....	10 00
McCook, German Ch., by Rev. A. Hodel .....	2 00
Princeton, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Ger-man Ch. ....	6 00

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$19.84.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. M. Fisher, Treas.:	
Valley City .....	\$2 00
Wahpeton Conference .....	2 27
	4 27
Antelope, by Rev. D. T. Jenkins .....	3 72
Carrington, by Rev. W. H. Gimblett .....	2 10
New Rockford, by Rev. N. W. Han-kemeyer .....	5 00
Oberon, by Rev. O. P. Champlin .....	4 75

## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$36.74.

Academy and Kirkwood, by Rev. L. E. Camfield .....	3 75
Custer, by Rev. J. H. Kevan .....	6 08
Orleans, A Friend .....	10
Rapid City, Jr. C. E., by Rev. J. W. Barron, thro' Rev. H. D. Wiard .....	5 00
Springfield, by Rev. C. Seccombe .....	3 00
Tyndall, German Asso., by Rev. J. Sattler .....	13 81
By Rev. M. E. Eversz .....	5 00

## COLORADO—\$42.30.

Denver, German Ch., by Rev. A. Trandt .....	3 35
Manitou, by Rev. F. L. Hayes .....	10 25
Montrose, by Rev. W. A. Hutchinson .....	28 70

## UTAH—\$2.50.

Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. J. D. Nutting, Treas.:	
Salt Lake City, Plymouth .....	2 50

## IDAHO—\$12.25.

Challis, Woman's Miss. Soc., by M. M. F. Mason .....	6 25
Mountain Home, Woman's Miss. Union, by Mrs. W. A. Reynolds .....	6 00

## CALIFORNIA—\$63.15.

Woman's H. M. Union, Southern Cal., Mrs. M. Smith, Treas.:	
Highland, Royal Miss. Soc.	\$2 00
Los Angeles, First, for Salary Fund.....	7 00
Pomona, Pilgrim.....	14 25
Jr. C. E.....	5 00

\$28 25

Avalon, by Rev. E. O. Tade.....	6 00
Chula Vista, by Rev. W. A. McGinley..	20 00
Los Angeles, Central Avenue, by Rev. C. S. Vaile.....	5 00
Murphy's, Douglas Flat, and Sheep Ranch, by Rev. M. J. Luark.....	2 40
Rosedale and Poso, by Rev. A. K. Johnson.....	1 50

## OREGON—\$44.85.

Astoria, First, by Rev. E. S. Bollinger.	20 00
Beaverton and Tualitin, by Rev. W. Hurlburt.....	4 00
Huntington, by Rev. F. W. Parker..	3 25
Oswego, Leland, and Beaver Creek, by Rev. R. M. Jones.....	1 00
Portland, by Rev. M. E. Eversz. ....	13 00
Scappoose, \$2; St. Helen's, \$1.60, by Rev. C. E. Philbrook.....	3 60

## WASHINGTON—\$47.58.

Ballard, German Ch., by Rev. G. Graedel.....	\$3 00
Eagle Harbor, by Rev. O. H. Johnson	12 73
Ritzville, German Ch., by Rev. G. Schenerle.....	9 40
Seattle, German Ch., by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	1 50
Spokane, Pilgrim Ch., Pleasant Prairie, and Hillyard, by Rev. J. Edwards.....	12 30
West Side Ch., and Trent, by Miss R. M. Edwards.....	6 15
Tolt, by Rev. G. Kindred.....	2 50

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS—\$200.00.

Kohala, A Friend.....	200 00
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## SOUTH AFRICA—\$10.00.

Wellington, Miss A. M. Wells.....	10 00
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## UNKNOWN—\$50.00.

Unknown Friend, Special.....	50 00
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## HOME MISSIONARY..... 25 10

\$24,235 88

Contributions in July, excluding contributions for the debt..... \$14,350 84

Legacies in July..... 9,772 20

Contributions for the debt in July..... 2,121 00

Total receipts in July..... \$26,244 04

Contributions for the debt to August 1st:

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$86,256 58
Special for debt.....	8,738 20
	\$94,994 78

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society from May 1 to August 1, 1896. HON. L. D. STEVENS, Treasurer*

Acworth, Ch. and Soc.....	\$7 78	Henneker, Ch. and Soc., \$32.50; and for C. H. M. S., \$64.00.....	\$97 40
Amherst, Ch. and Soc.....	3 00	Hillsborough Center, Ch. and Soc.....	5 35
Andover, Ch. and Soc.....	5 14	Hinsdale, Sunday-school.....	5 00
Bath, Ch. and Soc.....	10 00	Hollis, Ch. and Soc.....	14 78
Bradford Center, Ch. and Soc.....	2 35	Hopkinton, Ch. and Soc., for C. H. M. S.....	16 50
Candia, Legacy of Mrs. Nancy Parker, in part.....	200 00	Hudson, Ch. and Soc.....	20 41
Canterbury, Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 50	Keene, First Ch. and Soc.....	50 00
Center Ossipee, Ch. and Soc.....	12 76	Manchester, First Ch. and Soc., \$41.00; and to const. Will C. Heath a L. M. of C. H. M. S., \$59.80; Income of Abigail S. Knowles's estate, \$28.05...	128 94
East Barrington, Ch. and Soc.....	12 65	Mason, Ch. and Soc.....	11 65
East Brentwood, Ch. and Soc.....	14 00	Miscellaneous, Trustees of N. H. H. Miss. Soc., \$7.02; Rockingham County Conference, \$7.23.....	14 25
Farmington, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S., on salary of Rev. G. E. Birlew, of San Rafael, N. M.....	16 00	N. H. Female Cent Institution and Home Miss. Union.....	901 23
Gilsum, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00		
Goffstown, Ch. and Soc.....	5 90		
Hampton, Ch. and Soc.....	8 36		
Harrisville, Ch. and Soc.....	7 33		
Hebron, Union Ch. and Soc.....	5 00		

New Ipswich, Legacy, from Trustees of estate of Dea. Leavitt Lincoln.....	\$35 93
Pelham, Legacy of Sarah S. Barker, for C. H. M. S.....	50 00
Raymond, Ch. and Soc.....	15 00
Rochester, Ch. and Soc.....	19 25
Salmon Falls, Ch. and Soc.....	20 00

South Weare, Ch. and Soc.....	4 38
Wakefield, Ch. and Soc.....	\$10 40
Warner, Y. P. S. C. E. of Ch. and Soc.....	1 00
Webster, Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 00
Wentworth, Legacy of Mrs. Abbie Cook.....	2,295 05
West Concord, Ch. and Soc.....	15 00
Wilmot, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in July, 1896.* REV. EDWIN

B. PALMER, Treasurer

Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor:		Hawley, by T. T. Clark.....	\$17 12
Marion, Sophia M. Luce.....	\$100 00	Holbrook, Winthrop, by F. W. Blanchard, to const. Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Low, and another to be named, L. Ms.....	111 87
Massachusetts, A Friend.....	100 00	Hubbardston, by Lucy H. Grimes.....	16 00
Newton, Eliot Ch., by Geo. N. Putnam.....	100 00	A Friend.....	5 00
	\$300 00	Ipswich, First, by Thomas H. Lord ..	25 00
Agawam, Feeding Hills, by Rev. F. L. Garfield, add'l.....	\$2 00	Jessup Fund, Income of.....	150 00
Amherst, North, Harrington, Miss Martha E., by E. H. Dickenson.....	25 00	Lowell, Swede, Sunday-school, by Berger Pettersson.....	2 50
Ashby, Orthodox, by C. F. Hayward..	5 72	Malden, First, by Charles F. Belcher..	84 67
Bank Balances, June Interest on.....	17 22	Marlboro, Union, by Wm. A. Dudley..	80 50
Barnstable, Hyannis, Bearse, Mrs. R. J. Barre, Sunday-school, by F. A. Gaylord.....	1 00	Medford, West, by J. H. Gerrish.....	13 00
Blackstone, by C. H. Lee.....	15 76	Medway, Village, by Rev. R. K. Harlow	52 46
Y. P. S. C. E., by C. H. Lee.....	2 00	Newburyport, Belleville, by Rev. A. W. Hitchcock (L. Ms. to be named).....	290 45
Boston, Charlestown, Winthrop, by Geo. S. Poole.....	137 98	Newton, Eliot, by Geo. N. Putnam (add'l to Roll of Honor).....	125 00
Dorchester, E. C. a Day Band, by Miss E. F. Merrill, for local Armenian Work.....	10 00	First (Center), by J. E. Rockwood....	214 25
Park St., by E. H. McGuire.....	51 50	Northampton, Edwards, Benev. Soc., by S. D. Drury.....	136 00
Roxbury, Friend, "W.," towards support of Rev. Daniel Staver, Astoria, Ore.....	100 00	First, by J. H. Searle.....	239 50
Walnut Ave. Sunday-school, by C. T. Barry, Salary Fund.....	23 79	Northbridge, Whitinsville, E. C. a Day Band, by Mrs. A. C. Whitin.....	20 06
West, So. Evan., by Mrs. C. H. Botsford.....	80 92	North Brookfield, First, by John S. Cooke.....	43 28
South, Phillips, Holmes, D. H.....	5 00	Oxford, by Rev. E. A. Bradstreet, to const. Harriet A. Burdon and Alice Cory L. Ms.....	60 00
Brockton, Campello, South, by Frank P. Mills.....	100 00	Parkhurst, E. C., Fund, Income of....	15 00
Brookline, Harvard, by James H. Shapleigh.....	88 95	Peabody, West, by F. K. McIntire.....	10 25
Special for Italian Mission, by Jas. H. Shapleigh.....	26 69	Pittsfield, French Congregation, by Rev. A. Bouteiller.....	5 00
Buckland, by E. F. Smith.....	17 50	Quincy, Atlantic, by Frank Jenkins....	34 79
Ruddock, Mrs. L. B., debt of C. H. M. S.....	25 00	Randolph, by Rev. Chas. A. Hilton....	155 50
Cambridge, J. E. S.....	3 00	Readville, Rice, Geo. L.....	5 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook.....	33 45	Reed, Dwight, Fund, Income of.....	90 00
Chicopee, First, by Rev. Collins G. Burnham.....	30 73	Rockport, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. G. L. Bray.....	9 53
Second (Falls), by Chas. A. Taylor... Dartmouth, South, Ladies' Cent Soc., by Mrs. Susan A. McKenzie.....	56 27	South Hadley, First, by L. M. Gaylord. Sutton, Wilkinsonville, A Friend, to const. Miss M. E. Fowler, of Saunderville, a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	18 50
Dedham, First, by E. Howe, Jr.....	118 70	Taunton, Union, by Herbert S. Lane....	18 35
Easton, by H. Y. Mitchell.....	25 00	Upton, First, by Benj. C. Wood.....	31 40
Essex, by Mrs. Mary C. Osgood.....	16 00	Wakefield, by W. P. Preston.....	21 78
Foxboro, Phelps, Mary N., to const. Mrs. James W. Flagg a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	50 00	Waltham, Trinitarian, by T. W. Temple.....	52 71
Frost, Rufus S., Fund, Income of.....	30 00	Ware, First, by W. L. Brakenridge....	20 55
Gardner, First, by D. H. Rand.....	50 00	Wellesley Hills, by L. V. N. Peck....	38 00
Gloucester, Trinity, by Joseph O. Procter.....	50 00	Wellfleet, by Simeon Atwood.....	8 22
Greenfield, Second, by Miss Lucy A. Sparhawk (of wh. \$17 for debt).....	58 73	Ladies' Society, by Simeon Atwood....	5 00
Haverhill Center, by Daniel Hackett...	57 00	Westford, Union, by Daniel Atwood... Y. P. S. C. E., by Mary Atwood....	8 50
		Westminster, First, by D. W. Hill.....	31 75
		Westport, Pacific Union, S. S., by J. C. Macomber.....	15 40
		West Springfield, Park St., by Samuel Smith.....	32 70
		Weymouth, South, Old South, by Rev. H. O. Alvord.....	16 00
		Whitin, J. C., Fund, Income of.....	120 00



Winchester, First, Special, by Eben Caldwell.....	\$2 62	Pilgrim, by F. L. Stetson (of wh. \$10 for debt).....	\$122 11
Woburn, First, Ladies' Char. and Reading Society, by Mrs. J. Jameson, to const. Mrs. Doremus Scudder a L. M.....	30 00	Plymouth, by F. W. Chase.....	222 00
Worcester, Central, by G. W. Mackintire.....	140 00	Union, by C. B. Greene.....	90 72
Piedmont, by Arthur W. Eldred.....	35 00		
		HOME MISSIONARY.....	\$4,777 45
			2 70
			\$4,780 15

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in July, 1896.* WARD W. JACOBS,  
Treasurer

Avon, West Avon, by Rev. F. S. Francis.....	\$15 00	Madison, North Madison, by Rev. W. G. Searles.....	\$25 00
Barkhamsted, by Wallace Case.....	7 84	Middletown, Third, by J. J. Wilcox.....	6 47
Bloomfield, by F. C. Bidwell.....	2 50	New Haven, Davenport, by Geo. F. Burgess, for C. H. M. S.....	73 33
Bridgeport, First, by R. E. Wheeler.....	88 57	New London, First, by H. C. Learned.....	38 47
Canton, Collinsville, by J. S. Heath.....	50 00	Second, by E. H. Wheeler.....	250 00
Central Village, see Plainfield.		New Milford, by C. H. Noble.....	71 66
Collinsville, see Canton.		North Madison, see Madison.	
Danielson, see Killingly.		North Woodstock, see Woodstock.	
Deep River, see Saybrook.		Orange, West Haven, by Rev. S. J. Bryant.....	40 62
East Hartland, see Hartland.		Plainfield, Central Village, by Mrs. A. M. Lillibridge.....	13 62
Essex, First, by S. J. Tiley.....	32 37	Plymouth, by Arthur Beardsley.....	10 00
Fairfield, by Edward Osborn.....	50 00	Ridgebury, by Rev. E. S. Sanborn.....	14 00
Gilead, see Hebron.		Ridgefield, First, by John F. Holmes.....	30 80
Goshen, Sunday-school, by Miss Alice Scoville.....	29 87	Saybrook, Deep River, Swedish, by Rev. C. G. Younggren.....	3 70
Hartford, Pearl Street, by William A. Willard, for C. H. M. S.....	71 76	Southington, by J. F. Pratt.....	3 79
Talcott Street, by A. I. Plato.....	4 50	Suffield, by W. E. Russell.....	27 03
Hartland, East Hartland, by Rev. W. E. B. Moore.....	12 00	Vernon, by H. L. James.....	10 13
Hebron, Gilead, by A. E. Hutchinson.....	25 11	West Avon, see Avon.	
Huntington, by Frank H. Wells.....	8 00	West Hartford, by E. S. Elmer.....	17 83
Killingly, Danielson, by Charles Phillips.....	26 88	West Haven, see Orange.	
For C. H. M. S.....	55 87	Windsor Locks, by C. A. Porter.....	35 75
Lebanon, Liberty Hill, by E. L. Richardson.....	7 00	Woodstock, North Woodstock, by Esther E. Bishop.....	25 52
By D. J. Bliss.....	1 00		
Liberty Hill, see Lebanon.			\$1,185 99

## ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in April, May, and June, 1896.* AARON B. MEAD, Treasurer

Abingdon, Miss Emma Harris.....	\$12 50	Clifton.....	\$2 61
Albion, Wanboro.....	4 00	Creston.....	12 59
Alto Pass.....	5 00	Des Plaines (Y. P. S. C. E., \$3.44).....	16 24
Ashkum.....	2 93	Dover (Sunday-school, \$5.00).....	10 00
Atlas.....	2 00	Earlville, J. A. D.....	50 00
Beecher.....	10 00	Elburn.....	7 00
Beverly.....	5 00	Evanston.....	134 28
Braidwood, Welsh.....	2 00	Forrest.....	8 71
Bunker Hill.....	3 50	Galesburg, Central (Mrs. Martha Hitchcock, \$10.00).....	135 00
Cable.....	5 00	East Main Street.....	24 65
Chicago, First (Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.00).....	48 84	Knox Street.....	20 05
Leavitt Street.....	50	Gridley.....	70 00
Union Park (Mrs. L. A. Bushnell, \$100).....	200 00	Griggsville, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Ravenswood.....	62 33	Henry.....	5 62
Christ's German.....	2 00	Hinsdale (Sunday-school, \$50.00).....	93 37
South Chicago, Second, Sunday-school.....	3 00	Mrs. M. S. Holcombe.....	20 00
Gross Park.....	2 32	Homer.....	9 35
Waveland Avenue.....	4 31	Jacksonville.....	54 00
		Joy Prairie, Sunday-school.....	10 71

Kewanee.....	\$58 46	Greenville.....	\$8 85
La Salle.....	54 69	Griggsville.....	4 00
Marseilles, Dr. R. N. Baughman.....	100 00	Highland (Mission Band, \$2.50).....	7 50
Marshall.....	11 00	Illini.....	6 75
Melville.....	1 20	Joy Prairie.....	16 10
Metropolis, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Loda.....	10 00
Millburn (Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.50).....	9 60	Mendon.....	9 25
Oak Park, First, Sunday-school.....	3 91	Metropolis.....	95
Second.....	10 00	Oak Park, First (Mrs. E. J. Humphrey, \$20.00).....	82 70
Ontario, Sunday-school.....	8 00	Odell, Sunday-school.....	1 00
Park Ridge, German.....	3 20	Paxton.....	10 00
Paxton.....	41 00	Peoria, Plymouth, Jun. C. E. Union.....	70 10 00
Plainfield, Mrs. A. E. Hagar.....	10 00	Plymouth.....	2 00
Plymouth.....	2 22	Rockford, First.....	8 80
Princeton (Y. P. S. C. E., \$7.50).....	100 74	Second (Jun. C. E., 70 cents).....	79 30
Mrs S. C. Clapp.....	100 00	Rosemond.....	7 00
Prophetstown.....	4 72	Sandwich, Jun. C. E.....	1 00
Providence.....	25 00	Seward (Winnebago Co.).....	19 75
Quincy, First Union (Prompt Relief Fund, \$20.00).....	419 10	Shabbona.....	5 00
Rantoul.....	3 41	Somonauk, Mission Band.....	2 00
Rockefeller.....	15 72	Stillman Valley.....	18 05
Saunemin, Mrs. Mary E. Knowlton.....	1 00	Toulon.....	10 00
Seward (Winnebago County) (Sunday- school, 82 cents).....	21 82	Wheaton, First.....	33 00
Somonauk (Y. P. S. C. E., \$6.90).....	16 55		
Summer Hill, Sunday-school.....	8 13		\$495 63
Sycamore, Pledge Signer.....	50 00		
Woodburn.....	3 85		
Woman's Home Missionary Union :		Cash.....	25 00
Alton.....	\$30 00	Estate of Mrs. Lucy B. Smith, of Sand- wich, per Frank Clendenin, Ex ..	275 00
Aurora, New England.....	18 00	C. M. Hotchkin, Chicago.....	35 00
Avon.....	5 31	Rev. J. D. McCord, Chicago.....	16 66
Big Woods.....	5 00	Mrs. C. S. Cady, Chicago.....	1 00
Chicago, Lincoln Park.....	4 50	Mrs. H. S. Caswell (special).....	25 00
Millard Avenue, Mission Band.....	8 70	Friends (special).....	20 00
Lake View.....	42	Cash.....	10 00
California Avenue.....	5 00	Sarah A. Dunn.....	5 00
Elgin, First.....	20 00	Secretary.....	100 00
Geneseo.....	45 00		\$3,161 02

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in July, 1896. REV. JOHN P.

SANDERSON, Treasurer

Allenville.....	\$0 32	Woman's Home Missionary Union, by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas.....	\$175 00
Anonymous.....	400 00		\$1,269 90
Bay Mills.....	2 00		
Bellaire.....	3 20	Receipts of the W. H. M. U. of Michigan in July, 1896. Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. :	
Calumet, Y. P. S. C. E.....	52 00	Almont, W. H. M. S.....	\$5 00
Chase.....	1 50	Grand Rapids, Park.....	16 00
Clinton.....	11 00	Grass Lake, W. H. M. S.....	13 00
Cooks.....	1 05	Greenville.....	1 05
Detroit, Woodward Ave.....	67 12	Jackson.....	17 30
Drummond.....	3 00	Lawrence.....	3 00
Ensign.....	41	Litchfield, Miss P. A. Turrell.....	5 00
Fairport.....	56	Olivet, L. B. S.....	10 00
Fayette.....	28	Portland, W. H. M. S.....	1 00
Grand Rapids, First.....	500 00	Romeo, W. H. M. S.....	20 00
Jackson, Plymouth.....	14 00	St. John's, Woman's Asso.....	7 50
Lansing, Plymouth, by C. T. W.....	60	Three Oaks, W. M. S.....	5 00
Maple City.....	2 30	Traverse City, W. H. M. S.....	25 00
Matchwood.....	1 09	West Adrian, W. M. S.....	5 00
Muskegon, First.....	5 00	Whitaker, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Northport, Rev. W. H. Hurlbut.....	2 50		\$138 85
Port Huron, 25th St.....	3 00		
Rapid River.....	2 40	YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK	
St. Ignace.....	3 65	Bay City, Jun. C. E.....	\$2 11
St. Jacques.....	52	Lansing, Plymouth Guild.....	6 00
Sack Bay.....	32	Webster, S. S. Miss. Soc.....	4 01
Sailors' Encampment.....	78		12 12
Solon.....	4 00		\$150 97
Wheatland, S. S.....	6 70		
A. W. Douglas.....	5 00		

## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804

and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA- TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

#### 7. KANSAS

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St.,  
Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

#### 8. OHIO

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, The Morris,  
Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
St., Toledo.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President.* Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.  
*Secretary.* Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St., Syracuse.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President.* Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary.* Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President.* Mrs. W. H. Boals, Fargo.  
*Secretary.* Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President.* Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No. Portland.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Portland.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President.* Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary.* Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St., Tacoma.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street, Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President.* Mrs. C. E. Corry, Columbia.  
*Secretary.* Mrs. B. H. Burt, Huron.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President.* Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New Britain.  
*Secretary.* Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St., Hartford.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

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Organized May, 1885

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## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

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### XV.—VACATION EXCURSIONS

IRST to the Grand Cañon and the cliff dwellings of Arizona. From Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad had just been completed straight west through Arizona to California. It ran much of the way through a desert region, uninhabited except by Indians. The Principal of our New West Academy had been over the road to visit the Grand Cañon of the Colorado and the cliff dwellings. He graphically described the trip to the writer and his ministerial brother, and they naturally wished that they could take the same trip; but the expense of it forbade. "Let us go down and see the superintendent of the road," said one of their friends. They went, showed their passes over the Santa Fé road, and were promptly and courteously furnished passes over the new road to the Grand Cañon, nearly 500 miles farther on. They left Albuquerque before daylight, Monday morning, crossed the Rio Grande, then a rushing torrent, passed the pueblos of Isleta and Laguna on its rocky cliff, rode for miles along a wild black river of congealed lava, and then for forty miles alongside of vast towering cliffs of the peculiar red rock which, for hundreds of miles, is found along the base of the mountains, across the deep gorge of Cañon Diablo, over cañons and through cañons, across arid deserts, over grassy highlands, through pine forests and mountain ranges, now catching sight of some old fortification on a high cliff, then of a band of Navajo Indians, and once a skeleton of a horse standing up, as though he had forgotten to lie down when he died. At one o'clock, Tuesday morning, they were at Peach Springs, Arizona, 466 miles west of Albuquerque. They had sent ahead for a team to be

ready to take them to the Cañon, twenty-three miles north. After a hasty cup of coffee they were on the buckboard behind two good horses. "Give me my revolver," said the driver; "there are hard characters round town, and if they know that I am going out with passengers at this time of night they may hold us up." The road lay down Peach Spring Cañon, now dry, but showing evidence of fearful torrents in the past. When day broke the rocky walls were rising above them several thousand feet on either side. They reached the Grand Cañon at six A.M., and had four hours to stay. Time was too precious to waste in eating breakfast. Snatching a biscuit from their lunch, they at once climbed a hill some 1,500 feet high, reaching the top in twenty-five minutes. Then they turned, and looked and looked and looked. They had seen many wonderful mountain views, but this view eclipsed them all. They looked far down on the turbid Colorado, seemingly a narrow sluggish stream, but really a swiftly rushing torrent, the drainage of 300,000 square miles, and of many lofty mountain ranges, whose deep snows were fast disappearing under the summer sun. At that point the river was about 250 feet wide and 200 feet deep, and was then some sixty feet above low-water mark. Back of them rose the Haystack, 3,900 feet high; back of that was Sunset Peak, 6,000 feet high. Across the river, as part of the cañon wall, Solomon's Temple, stupendous and grand with its majestic natural architecture, rose 6,000 feet above the water. Mount Emma, Tower of Babel, and other cliffs were about the same height. They could look up and down the river for miles and could see on both sides about twenty miles of those marble walls stupendous in size and height, yet wondrously beautiful, and they then remembered that the cañon was 300 miles or more in length, and that in some places the rocks were 8,000 feet high. Then they thought of the wonderful feat of Major Powell, who in 1869, and again in 1871, descended its whole length in a boat.

Time was precious. They looked fast and hard, but they closed their eyes long enough to have a season of prayer on what seemed to them holy ground. Very precious was their communing with God in the midst of his wonderful handiwork. They then went some two miles up Diamond Cañon, which is tributary to the Grand Cañon. There is no cañon in Colorado that equals it in sheer depth. At one point the black igneous rocks were only twelve feet apart at the bottom, yet they rose almost perpendicularly nearly 2,700 feet, or 900 feet higher than the rocks in the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas. Years before an adventurer had "salted" a part of this cañon with \$40,000 worth of diamonds, and thus started the great Arizona diamond excitement. Hence the name of the cañon. Ten o'clock came too soon, and they started back in the intense heat of an Arizona midsummer day. Most merci-





A TYPICAL SECTION OF GRAND CAÑON

lessly did the sun beat down into the cañon. There were "great rocks" and a "weary land," but no "shadow." The road was sandy, stony, dusty, and often very steep. It was nine miles to water, a stagnant spring open to the sun and full of insects; then ten miles to more



CAÑON OF THE ARKANSAS

water. After they had ascended 400 feet to the railroad, and after six o'clock P.M., the thermometer stood at 102 degrees in the shade.

On the return trip they stopped off for a day to visit some of the most interesting of the cliff dwellings scattered over southern Colorado, northern New Mexico, and Arizona. Those they visited were eight miles from Flagstaff in Arizona, but only three miles from Casnino, a flag station, from which they walked to the ruins. The cañon in

which they are found runs through a comparatively level region, covered with pines and cedars. The locality itself must have been a difficult one for an enemy to find. The walk was a warm one, but through the evergreen trees they caught frequent cooling glimpses of the vast beds of snow that cover the extinct volcano of the San Francisco mountains.

Suddenly they came to the edge of a cañon several hundred feet deep, and with much difficulty let themselves down into it. About half way down they found a thick layer of rock that had worn away much more rapidly than the formation just above it. The result was that on that level, for miles on both sides of the cañon, there were open caves from five to ten feet high, from five to twenty feet deep, and sometimes 100 or 200 feet long. The cliff-dwellers inclosed those spaces in front with walls two feet thick, and divided them into separate rooms by walls equally thick. Usually a narrow shelf of rock was left in front of the dwellings, from which there was a succession of sheer precipices and steep slopes to the bottom of the cañon. Trails of which there is now no trace led down to the large clear pools of water which remained in spots in the cañon during the dry season.

The place was admirably adapted for defense. The cañon swept around in a large circle and came almost back upon itself, leaving only a narrow, precipitous strip of land running out to the peninsula which came so near being an island. On the highest point of that peninsula were rude fortifications. It was doubtless the cliff-dwellers' outlook. The approach of an enemy could be immediately signaled from that point to the dwellings on both sides for a long distance.

They visited some twenty or thirty of those dwellings. The number of rooms in them varied from two to ten, some of which were perfectly preserved, being entered by a very narrow door or a small window. In one dwelling there were inner rooms, reached from the outer by climbing over high walls. In some rooms the back part of the floor was raised a foot or so, making a stone bed on which a whole family could sleep. A deep layer of dust, ashes, and débris covered the floor in many of the rooms, so that digging for relics was very dusty work.

Reaching, on the far side of the cañon, a dwelling which had evidently not been visited, they noticed that one room was only about four feet wide. They concluded that it must have been the store-room, and they began to dig in the débris, after removing the heavy stones that had fallen upon it from the walls. Sure enough, it proved to be the store-room, garret, cellar, and dump heap for that whole row of rooms. They dug for an hour or more, and found, among other things, an old stone mill with which the Indians ground their corn and which was worn so thin that doubtless it had been used for generations—just such

a stone mill as they had seen the Pueblos using the week before; corn-stalks, corncobs, beans, gourds, nuts, seeds, arrows, bowstrings, coarse cloth, a child's sandal, bone needles, pottery, a fishline, soap-weed, needles, etc. They dug in other ruins also, and came away well laden with relics. That night they slept on a narrow rocky shelf in the bottom of the cañon. One old shawl answered as a covering for three persons. The space was about wide enough for two, and when one turned over he had to persuade the others to turn with him. Close under a beetling cliff, with a pool of water on one side of them, the cañon wall on the other, and the dying embers of their camp-fire behind them, miles from any human habitation, but not far from the fresh tracks of wild beasts, those unarmed ministers lay down and commended themselves to him whose angel encampeth round about them that fear him. They thought of the time, centuries ago, when those wild cliffs echoed with the cries and laughter, the songs and war-whoops, of that mysterious race whose origin and history puzzle the ethnologist. Out of the depths of that narrow gorge they looked up at the silent stars as they slowly moved over the cañon's top, the same stars upon which the Indians once looked from those same depths. What a history those stars could tell if they could but speak. Never did the railroad, its cushioned seats and its ice-water tank, seem such positive luxuries as to those footsore, perspiring, relic-laden ministers after their tiring walk to the station the next day. When the train stopped for dinner a man in an adjoining car came from his dinner into ours, and carelessly kicked his satchel to one side. The kick discharged his revolver in the satchel, and the man was shot, dying in a short time. A man who sat across the aisle from us, and another directly in front of him, opened their satchels and took out their loaded revolvers. The ministers had never carried revolvers in their mountain trips. They felt safer, and probably were safer, without them.

When they reached Denver the next Saturday night (not having had their clothes off since Sunday night), from that trip of a thousand miles down into the wonderland of America, they felt that they were back East again.

The next month the same ministers spent two days together in and on the mountains near Denver—Gray's Peak and the Mount of the Holy Cross. The first day they visited the mining camp of Georgetown, and Green Lake, a few miles from it. The first night they slept at Graymont, a railroad terminus sixty miles from Denver. The town, a new one, consisted of an unpainted hotel and a box car, which was the depot. It is six miles from the summit of Gray's Peak. Between Georgetown and Graymont the railroad has many wonderful curves, and one complete loop, crossing its own track ninety feet above it. At



one point you can see six parallel lines of track, all parts of the same road.

They reached Graymont in the evening. A huge bonfire of pine stumps was burning in the front yard of the hotel. On the top of a distant mountain a forest fire was raging. The valley was filled with the roar of mountain torrents. They were 9,000 feet above the sea. A mile above, up and among the stars seemingly, lay the highest summit, only partly clad with snowy robes on that midsummer night.

They slept, or tried to sleep, till three A.M. "Let us dress and start for the Peak," said one of the ministers. "Agreed," said the other. In fifteen minutes they stole quietly out of the hotel, and were on their way. They were veterans at mountain climbing, and disdained horses and guides, for their purses were slender. Nevertheless, they lost the trail in the dark and wasted a precious half-hour beating around for it among the bushes and rocks. Venus shone like a camp-fire from the summit of a distant peak. They were in the shades of a deep valley; but far, very far, up on the mountain summit they saw the reflection of the gray dawn, and soon the rosy-fringed rays of the rising sun turned the gray rock, the green forest, and the white snow all to a rosy red.

Close to a foaming torrent of ice-cold water they built a fire, made some tea, and ate their breakfast. Near them was a long clean swath cut through the forest down the mountain side. It was the work of an avalanche the winter before. Great trees lay prostrate in its path. A little farther on and they were in a vast amphitheater. The jagged wall to the east seemed almost perpendicular, and was several thousand feet high. Far up on its sides were miners' cabins and mine houses. What will not men do for gold! But that rugged mountain, like some people, had two sides. The eastern side was smooth and grassy, with a gentle slope; danger and gold on one side, ease and poverty on the other. Mount Kelso, west of them, showed its smooth and grassy side, green as green could be. On its summit was a field of whitest snow, and above it the sky of darkest blue. All the colors were superlative and intense. The explorers walked over fresh ice that formed the night before, August 5th. A cloud passed over them and dropped first rain, then hail, then snow.

By zigzag courses they kept rising, and at last stepped out on the narrow top, 14,341 feet above the sea, the third highest point in Colorado. The writer is not demonstrative by nature, but his first exclamation was, "Glory, hallelujah!" and then he repeated aloud that sublime sentence, "Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God!" They lifted up their eyes westward and southward and

northward and eastward, and in every direction they beheld gray rocks, green slopes, dark forests, vast fields of snow, steep precipices, dark valleys, awful chasms, peak after peak, range after range, a great sea of snow-capped mountains, with here and there some minute lines and little dots, the work of that little insect, man. Their eyes ranged over a circle whose circumference was about 500 miles. All the mountains were surpassingly beautiful and grand, but they eagerly looked for one whose fame was world-wide. It was not Long's Peak, the sentinel of the north, nor Pike's Peak, the sentinel of the plains, nor the peak that bears the name of the martyred Lincoln, but the one on whose broad rugged side is stamped the symbol of our holy faith—the Mount of the



MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross. There it stood, thirty miles away in an air line, sharply defined against the western horizon, with a huge cross, formed by two immense transverse gulches filled with snow, seemingly covering the whole mountain side. And it seemed to say, "This is God's country; these mountains with all their treasures belong to the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Worship him."

They remained on the summit nearly an hour. Never did they see more in any hour. And then, as their custom was in such places, they had a season of prayer. They were never nearer the skies; God and heaven seemed very near to them, and as they prayed the mountains seemed transfigured. Their countenance was altered, their raiment glistened and shone under the glory of the sun that just then burst upon them from behind a cloud. It was good to be there.



Torrey's Peak

THE CLERICAL "COAST"

Gray's Peak



Now for the descent. The party on horseback had fifteen minutes the start, but their course was so zigzag that by going straight down over the rocks the two ministers soon passed them. Then they came to a great bank of snow that stretched a long distance down the mountain side. They started some great stones, and what fun it was to see them bounding and leaping "like mad" down, down, until they could scarcely see them. "Catch it quick," cried one minister. But before the other could see what it was that he was desired to catch, the first brother's knapsack, with lunch inside, bounded past, and soon seemed only a black speck on the snow far below them. Then they proposed to each other to slide down, and thus save themselves the tedious climb down over the rocks. Both agreed, but they thought it best to be cautious. The incline was not more than about thirty degrees, but it was long, and there was more ice under the snow than they supposed. One of them sat on the edge of the drift for a moment. Before he knew it his feet started and took his body along with them without his consent. He could not stop, his speed was constantly increasing, it was a thrilling moment. He knew not when or where or how he would stop, probably in a few seconds on the rocks at the foot of the mountains, bruised, stunned, or killed. Turning over, he dug his fingers and toes into the snow, clutched at a projecting stone, and came to a halt. Just then the other minister, who was nearer the center of the snow bank, and who had also been deceived by the snow-covered ice, darted past him, going faster every second, and making desperate efforts to stop himself. The first one thought surely that he would have to watch his companion, as he did the rocks, go bounding down the mountain and become a black speck below. But his friend rolled over sideways several times, made a desperate effort, and landed on the stones at the side of the drift. They both concluded that it was easier to climb down over the rocks, at least until they reached a point where they could slide safely. They recovered the knapsack, and that night they slept soundly in Denver.



### HE, BEING DEAD, YET SPEAKETH

COMING upon The Home Missionary for January last, we have been reading Mr. Cross's touching article, "Our Fallen Leader." From a child almost, I have felt that missionaries were entitled to a higher and more blessed home beyond than we common believers can hope for. That feeling was intensified on reading of Mr. Pickett's last work and death. The article held our close attention from the first, but when we came to the triumphant death on the mountain, voice failed us for tears;



yet a feeling of triumphant gladness thrilled us as it always has on reading of the prophet and his "chariot of fire."

How must we in our sheltered homes contrast our comforts with his labors and exposures, his unselfishness and devotion to the work of the Master, and ask, Are we worthy to sit down with him and with like great souls hereafter? What an incentive must it prove to open hearts and hands, although ours be but the "widow's mite" to help forward a work to which such a man has given his life!

All will feel the deepest sympathy for the bereaved family; yet what wife and children but must almost envy them the glorious memory of this "fallen leader"? How immeasurably he towers above the greatest warrior of earth! May we not see his face in some future number of the magazine? We shall be glad to have it always before us, to keep alive all high and holy resolutions, as well as to stir up others to befriend home missionary work through the knowledge of this most noble life and touching death. May I add that I had a devoted aunt and uncle who fell years ago in the missionary field, and that I am named for the first female foreign missionary who sailed from New England?

H. N. S.

WORCESTER, MASS.



## HOW WE INCREASED THE COLLECTION

WE took up our annual offering for Home Missions last Sunday. The amount was much larger than usual. This was our method: I made up five hundred packages, each one containing the "pastoral letter," the report of the Society's work, and the subscription envelope. I inclosed these packages in separate envelopes and addressed them to members of the church and congregation, and residents here upon whom I call. The Sunday before the collection I preached a sermon upon the work of the Congregational Home Missionary Society for the past year. In order to make the subject as vivid as possible, I cut from The Home Missionary magazine pictures representing the Society's work, mounted them on cardboard, and placed them upon the front of the pulpit. I added to this collection those pictures of the officers of the Society which appeared in "The Congregationalist" recently. I invited the congregation to pass in front of the pulpit and look at these pictures. The majority did so. The children of the Sunday-school were also interested, and as the pictures were left on the pulpit during the session of the school, they exerted a silent influence which we hope will result in still larger gifts to the Society.

Would it not pay for the Society to have ready photographs of its

work, etc., to loan to pastors on the Sunday of their annual sermon for the Congregational Home Missionary Society? These would add greatly to the effectiveness of the service, and the increased collections would pay the cost many times over. The pictures should be returned to the Society the week following their use.

I hope that the churches by their increased collections will say to the Society, "Advance, all along the line!"—PASTOR.



### IMMANUEL MISSION (CUBAN) IN IBOR CITY, TAMPA, FLORIDA

THIS protégé of the Florida Woman's Home Missionary Union is brought into fresh prominence by the great war in progress on the beautiful island, near by, so surely slipping from the grasp of Spain. It is the only Cuban Congregational mission, and may be one of the factors in the solution of the vexed Cuban question in the near future.

A great wave of Latin immigration has struck the Gulf coast of southern Florida. The tyrannical edicts of Weyler and the awful ravages of war have compelled thousands of Cubans of the better class to emigrate. Some have gone to Mexico, to Central and South America, and others to West India islands; but Florida, because of its proximity and similarity in climate, has been a favorite resort of the exiles. Thousands came to Key West and Tampa before the present war to better their condition; thousands have come since, awaiting the return of more peaceful days. Never was our mission work more needed than to-day. We have a Cuban population of over 9,000. Our modest little chapel, with its cross pointing skyward, stands in the midst of the Cuban population a mute reminder of the practical interest which Congregational Christians take in the enfranchisement of the "Pearl of the Antilles."

It is still only a mission, no church having been organized, and converted Cubans affiliate themselves with the parent church in the city (Tampa) of which Ibor is a suburb. The Spanish services consist of the Sunday-school, which has been kept up for nearly four years with varying interest. It is delightful to hear the dark-eyed little ones chant Christ's praises in the musical tongue of Spain, recite their Bible lessons, and repeat the Commandments and the Beatitudes. The union evangelical service is participated in by the several Cuban pastors and Rev. E. P. Herrick of the Congregational church, who organized this work and devotes to it as much of his time as can be spared from his regular church duties.

The day-school, taught by Miss Esther Wilson, a devoted member of the church in Tampa, is in a flourishing condition. It is taught in the chapel, the only Congregational Cuban chapel in the world, and the first of its kind ever built. She has an enrollment of over forty scholars, and an average attendance of from twenty-five to thirty.

The work thus auspiciously begun should have a warm place in the hearts of all the true friends of Cuba. The ladies of our Florida churches are carrying the burden and need aid. Our churches are poor, and but few are self-sustaining. "The freeze" has crippled the resources of all. Pastor Herrick's gratuitous services need to be supplemented by those of a native preacher who will devote all of his time to the work. When the lone star flag waves in triumph over Cuba, Macedonian cries will come to our churches. A Christianized constituency is needed to insure the stability and perpetuity of the new nation under the Southern Cross, already crying for recognition. The Cuban and Saxon civilizations meet in this semi-tropical State.

We cannot aid in equipping the mysterious expeditions which sail away from time to time with arms and munitions of war, but we hope through the agency of the Immanuel Mission to equip and send forth truly converted sons of the Antilles, who will bear the glad tidings of a Savior's love to that island "waiting for his law."

Scatter the seeds of Gospel truth, make this restless people fit for the duties of Christian citizenship, and secure the liberation and redemption of the great once opulent island now desolated by war and reddened with patriot blood. We commend our Cuban work to the prayers and aid of the churches.



## LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

It makes one feel sad to see, in a beautiful place like this, the people looking on the dark side both with reference to their secular and religious interests. I prefer looking on the bright side, and with implicit trust am going ahead with a self-denying spirit to do all the Master has for me to do here. After all, many things give encouragement. While the place has suffered very greatly by removals, others will come to take their places. The crops were good this season, and there is plenty to eat. Potatoes are very cheap. There are plenty of them, and one can make a very good meal on baked potatoes and salt. Again, this is a very healthy country; and that is a great blessing. Ours is a very peaceable place, with but one liquor saloon, and the people are very pleasant and sympathetic.

The Congregational church is one of the finest in the State and has no debt. Ours is now practically the only religious work in the place. We gather our congregation from over five miles around. Over this whole section I make calls upon the people, talk with them, invite them to meeting, pray with them, and distribute good gospel tracts. There are some very fine Christian people in our church. Many young men are in our evening congregation, and I always aim to give them a good gospel lesson. I hope for great things in the way of spiritual blessings.

—*South Dakota.*



## “HOW TO DO IT”

“BY ONE WHO DID IT”

ABOUT two years ago I began an experiment. I found a large territory a few miles south of my town which had no church or Sunday-school. I drove out one day to find out if I could secure the school-house for the organization of a Sunday-school. On the Sunday following, about forty came, most of whom were willing to start a school. In a few weeks they inquired if I would not preach for them occasionally. I accepted the invitation which I had hoped would come. In the early part of the following winter these people asked me to spend a week with them in special services. So again I followed my policy, to let the people do the requesting. That one week resulted in the conversion of over twenty people. Not one word did I say about the Congregational church. The new converts, however, said: “What shall we do? We are now Christians, and we cannot be without a church.” I advised them to do just what they pleased, only to unite and serve Christ. When they asked me to explain my own church polity they thought that such a self-governing church was just what they wanted. Last winter I spent ten evenings with them, and others were added to the church. They now have nearly fifty members, crowded houses, and a united neighborhood. In the mean time the success of this enterprise stirred up the village church. Many of its members have driven out to attend worship, and some of the farmers have come to town to worship. Invitations to dine have been extended on either side and accepted. A few of the village people have lately proposed that the two churches hold a picnic together during the coming season, which proposition I shall not be slow in advancing. Thus, by gradual steps, the rural-village problem is being solved, so far at least as our work extends. There are certain points which everyone attempting this work must keep in mind:

*First*, there must be an earnest appreciation of the worth of the farmer and his interests as a factor of our society. To simply go into



the country to make professional visits, or to "missionate" to the farmer, will not serve the purpose. The principles and sentiments of the village preacher are well known by the rural population before he gets there, and he must have a deep enough reach to apply the teachings of Christ to the rural problems he may find, because the average farmer is an intelligent man. He is often by far better posted, I find, than the average villager. There need not be agreement in all the lines of thinking, neither need there be affiliation with the same political party, but the people must have the assurance that the man who preaches to them believes in them and their vocation.

*Second*, self-sacrifice is absolutely essential in this work. Faithfulness, promptness, asking no remuneration, patient visitation—all these are necessary. In due time the farmer will not fail to do his part.

*Third*, the minister who stands before a heterogeneous rural population, differing in national customs as well as in religious thinking, must preach along the lines of life, emphasizing only the great eternal Christian verities. He must find some ground on which all can stand and work together. Dogmatic preaching will divide, every time; the essentials will unite. The man who is going to stand for one form of baptism as against another is not going to win. It requires less time to immerse a number of candidates than to persuade them out of their traditional belief. Find points of agreement, and refuse to entertain points of disagreement. Be all things to all men in the Pauline sense, and the enterprise must prove a success.

This rural work should be done by all town churches, both self-supporting and mission churches. We need to do this work to solve our home missionary problem: to reach the major portion of our Kansas population, and to secure sufficient men for the ministry—for the rural districts have heretofore been in the habit of furnishing most of them, and many of the very best.—*Great Bend, Kan.*



## HOW SHALL I GIVE TO HOME MISSIONS THIS YEAR?

Do not decide:

By what your neighbor gives; by what you "usually" pay; by what you "feel able" to give; by what you can spare after having luxuries in your home life; by what you can give without missing it; by fear lest you will not have enough for business or a living if you give the amount the Holy Spirit asks of you.

But give:

Intelligently. Consider the facts of Home Missions. After a talk

with Jesus about it. One honest inquiry of him covers all, viz.: Lord, what dost *thou* want me to give? According to what Jesus has done for you. Remember his Cross and your expected crown. With awakened sympathies for Christ's "little ones." Missionary churches are these. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren," is what the Christ, watching us as we give, wants to say to us, by and by. In faith. Take God at his word that he will take care of you and yours if you maintain his kingdom first (Matt. vi. 33).—*The Kansas Home Missionary.*



## MISSION WORK AMONG THE INDIANS

[DEAR MR. EDITOR :—I have been reading a book which takes us behind the scenes in every-day missionary life in our own land. I think leaders of Ladies' Societies might find material here for a few meetings. The book is called "Our Life among the Iroquois." It is published by the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. I send you a few extracts.—A CONSTANT READER.]

### THE CAPE COD CHAISE

THE arrival of the mail was an event of intense interest at the Mission, but a letter from David G. Eldridge, of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, telling us that the gift of an old-fashioned chaise was on the way by canal to the Reservation, caused great excitement. "Is it possible," said Mrs. Wright, "that at last my poor head is to be protected from sun and wind and rain and snow during our long drives?"

Mr. Wright dampened our ardor somewhat by a suggestion that the new vehicle might not take kindly to the mud-holes of the Indian roads. When the chaise reached Buffalo some one had to go after it with a horse, as the last thirty miles of its journey were to be taken by land. Several Indians volunteered to do this, so curious were they to see "a wagon with two wheels and a cover." The successful candidate returned with the chaise in due time, and solemnly admonished all within the sound of his voice to have nothing to do with this "evil invention of the white man." The mode of harnessing the horse to the chaise differing from ordinary harnessing, the bewildered charioteer found himself "looking into the sky" several times on the way home.

When Mrs. Wright and I were about to take our first chaise ride we were particular to have the straps securely adjusted, lest we too should find ourselves suddenly "looking into the sky." At the start we were followed by an admiring crowd; but after a while, in the solitude of the woods, we were free to exult in the happy exchange of the hard, spring-

less seat of the rickety open wagon for the soft cushions and protecting cover of our New England chaise.

Alas! our exultation was short-lived. With the customary plunge into a mud-hole stretching entirely across the road, Ruhama made safe passage to the other side; but the unlucky chaise remained in the center of that black sea, stuck fast, its thills thrown upward like imploring arms, its occupants "looking into the sky"! Ruhama stopped and, regarding us a moment in dignified surprise, began to nibble the surrounding bushes. After a somewhat prolonged discussion of "the way out," we were forced to submit to the inevitable, and, descending into the black sea, with some difficulty we brought the uplifted thills to a horizontal position, drew out the heavy chaise, attached it to the patient beast, and turned our faces homeward, passing through other holes with becoming caution. Arriving at the Mission House, we were glad to exchange our mud-soaked garments for something more respectable and comfortable.

#### A CURIOUS DEVICE

Peter Twenty-Canoes was the great-grandson of a man who owned many canoes; yet this descendant was shiftless in the extreme. His love for fire-water was his greatest affliction. King Alcohol led the man into a multitude of scrapes, and left him to find his way out as best he could. One day, being overcome by an unusual spasm of industry, Mr. Twenty-Canoes borrowed a scythe, and resolved to work out awhile. Alas! he couldn't begin without his dram, which resulted in a fall upon the scythe, cutting open one side of his face, and entirely taking off his nose! It was a blessed accident to him, however, for it led to his reformation. The ingenuity of our Indian was now taxed to its utmost to supply the very important feature which he had lost. While visiting at the Mission House one day, he observed some adhesive plaster with which Mrs. Wright was dressing a wound. "That's the thing for me!" said Mr. Twenty-Canoes with considerable energy. We gave him a small piece, which he immediately formed into a respectable nose, and fastened upon his face. The man was jubilant, and no longer walked among his fellow-creatures noseless. This manufactured article was at times in quite a dilapidated condition, but on gala days it was fresh and new. Mr. Twenty-Canoes was fond of variety; consequently, no two noses were of the same shape and size, which gave a refreshing diversity to the expression of his countenance.

This Indian was fond of exhibiting his little stock of English upon every available occasion. He scented a polysyllable a long way off, and brought it to bear upon his conversation in a way quite remarkable. He wrote me a note one day, in which he endeavored to express his appreciation of my worth to his people:

“Miss C.: Respected Sir,—I ask to know how long commence school again on our district. I ought not to been so negligence with my boy, and I had been recommend it, that you are mostly confidence missionary as than any others among Indians, that is to your capacity to instruct the Indians in the way to the morality, life, and perseverance for human intelligence. I know you will not afail and omission too much inform me the set time to commence school on our neighborhood.

“Your respectable friend,

“TWENTY-CANOEES.”

Mr. Twenty-Canoes kindly volunteered at one time to write a “begging paper” for an old woman to take to white people, and thereby obtain the necessaries of life. As the poor creature made her first effort with the missionaries, I had an opportunity to copy the manuscript, verbatim:

“To all whom it may concern the bearer of Sally Silverheels which she is very old of age unable her to care of herself had no family to see her supported whosoever to do this thing to rendered unto or attribute towards the needy and indeficient the god will bless you for your great bounty of charity such thing as provision and she will be very thankfully to you give to her that article little money or clothing or anything.

“TWENTY-CANOEES.”

Twenty-Canoes was once asked to assist in drawing up a temperance constitution. Of the ten articles I have space for only three:

1. This society shall always be open in prayer by some benevolent religious person.
2. If any member shall become intoxication, and accident occur, or death attack him in spirit condition, the society shall not be responsible for such person.
3. We shall assistance the sick, and furnish Doctor, and in case any member become mortality, furnish all necessary purposes for the funeral.

#### THE YOUNG INFIDEL

I had a Bible class of thirty young men. One of these had received a good education, and possessed an unusual degree of mental culture. He went into business in Buffalo, and fell into bad company. From Buffalo he went to Chicago, only to pursue the same downward course. All this while the prayers of his mother and the missionaries followed him until the Lord directed his steps home to the Reservation for a vacation. He was very hard and even bitter towards all Christians. He was impelled to come into the old Bible class every Sabbath, where he would combat every religious truth uttered, in order to destroy its force upon the minds of others. He spoke freely of his own disbelief in the Bible and everything of the kind, quoting from infidel authors.



A position was offered him in New York. He came to the Mission House and told me this. "It will be your ruin," said I. "Why?" he asked indignantly. "My boy, you are like a poor boat out on the restless ocean with no compass or rudder. You will be drifted about just as your master, the devil, shall choose."

He started to his feet, his eyes flashing. "You want me to be a Christian," said he. "How can I be a Christian when I believe nothing of your religion? I will not deceive you. I have not a particle of feeling. I could die calmly this moment. It would be mockery to accept a Savior of whom I feel no need—in whom I do not believe even intellectually."

My heart went out in great pity as I looked at him, but it was time for our weekly missionary meeting, held in the Mission Home. Mrs. Wright was calling me even then. As I turned to leave him I said: "You are going away. I shall not have another opportunity to ask a favor of you. Grant me this one to-night. Go into the prayer-meeting with me." He laughed and exclaimed, "What a ridiculous idea!" "Never mind," said I; "go with me to-night." "Well, just to please you, I will do it," said he.

Great was the surprise of the missionary band to see the young infidel in that sacred spot. He took a chair, tipped it back against the wall, and prepared to be an amused spectator. I was so overwhelmed with the sense of his condition that I knelt immediately and prayed for a young friend who boasted of his want of feeling, and I entreated the Lord to strike conviction to that heart even then. Others followed in the same strain, until the poor young man could hold up his head no longer, but buried his face in his hands.

As soon as the meeting was over he vanished. I saw no more of him for several days, and supposed he had gone to New York. One afternoon he appeared at the Mission House and said, "I want to see you alone." His face was haggard, his eyes wild, as though sleep had been a stranger to them. He walked back and forth a few times, trying to control his voice, and finally said: "I have had no peace in my mind since the night of the prayer-meeting; no peace, night or day. I cannot sleep. Tell me how you found the Savior, for I must find him or lose my reason." Oh, the mighty power of the Holy Spirit to convict a stony heart! I pointed him to Jesus as well as I could. "Oh, yes," he said, as I told the story of my own conversion, "it was easy for you to come to Jesus; but you never knew sin as I have." "But, my boy, he saves the chief of sinners." I then read the passage proving that although his sins were as scarlet they could be white like snow. "But you don't know," said he, "to what depths of sin I went in Buffalo and Chicago. I drank and I gambled. Oh, I have been a ter-

rible sinner!" "Yet there is mercy for you," I said, as I continued giving my messages from God's own Word, knowing well that this was too solemn an occasion to use words of my own. At last he knelt with me and surrendered all to Christ. "My heart, my hands, my feet, my all, just as I am," he cried, and found peace in believing. Great joy came to him then. The great love of Christ seemed wonderful to him. "Why have I waited so long," he exclaimed, "so long, and wasted all these years, when they might have been given to Jesus?" (He was only twenty-one years of age.) That night when he went home his mother had retired and was asleep. He burst into her room and roused her with these words: "O mother, mother, I have found the Savior!" What sweeter sound could have greeted the ears of the praying mother? He knelt by her bed, she threw her arms about him, and together they talked and prayed until the day dawned. When he told me of this afterward he said: "I saw a look in my dear mother's tired eyes the next morning that I never saw there before." The next Monday evening he attended our prayer-meeting at the Mission, and there in broken accents confessed that conviction entered his soul even while we were in prayer.

#### A DAY AMONG THE PAGANS

The experience of one day among the pagans will tell the story of many days during the following weeks and months.

Mrs. Wright and I began this day with a meeting among the Plank Road pagans. Mr. Porcupine was very angry with us the week before, because we "interfered with the dances." He sat outside in the wind saying hard things about us, and took a bad cold. To-day he came into the house and said these words: "I have been very angry with you, but my mind has been greatly troubled since you were here last. I am an old man of eighty years. It is time for me to try to understand the new religion. Tell me how one so old can come into the Jesus way." He listened with great attention while the simple plan of salvation was made known to him.

We called upon Moses Cornplanter. His young wife, a daughter of Cornstalk, was pretty and interesting. She looked at us wistfully, as though troubled with questionings. Was she reaching out after light? She gave us a cordial welcome and said: "I have attended your Plank Road meeting twice. It is the first time I have heard of the Jesus way. I want to know the truth. Have I been taught an error?" Mrs. Wright explained the "new religion" to her very clearly, and read the words of Christ from the Indian Testament. We sang gospel hymns and prayed with her. Mr. Cornplanter was not pleased and had left the house. She thanked us for our words and said: "My husband is a

pagan, but he is not a bad man; he is not cross, he does not drink, but you know the woman must not go ahead. Will you win him so that I may come into the Jesus way? I will gladly follow him."

Our next call was at Silversmith's, to see poor little Jack Pigeon. He was lying upon a board covered with a bit of soiled blanket. A ragged piece of cotton cloth was thrown over him. Somebody had placed a spray of green leaves in a crack of the log near his board. He directed our attention to this as something very pleasant. A half-starved young robin, a pet, was hopping about on the rough floor. After ministering to the poor boy, we went out and dug worms for the robin. An old woman covered with rags and dirt watched us with interest, and expressed surprise that we cared to handle the ugly worms!

On our way back through the woods we heard groans from the vicinity of Porcupine's cabin. While climbing a fence he had fallen and was badly bruised. With the remedies in our missionary bag we were able to bind up his wounds. After making him as comfortable as possible in his poor cabin, we looked up Mother Big-Tree, and coaxed her to act as nurse for a time. The promise of a bright red handkerchief, when Porcupine should become convalescent, reconciled Mrs. Big-Tree to this rather uninviting position.

On this day Mrs. Big Kettle, who seemed inclined to favor the Gospel, had invited us to hold a meeting at her house. Brother Daniel Two-Guns, a member of the mission church, promised to meet us there and give us his assistance. After a drive of five miles we reached the Big Kettle cabin, to find it empty. A neighbor told us that Big Kettle, who was a pagan, was angry, and had taken his wife and the little Big Kettles away. She further made known the fact that he threatened to leave his wife if we held a meeting in his house. Brother Two-Guns had been there, and was now trying to find an open door for us in this neighborhood. We stepped into Mrs. Blacksnake's cabin to await the return of our Christian brother. As soon as we sat down, the woman, with dark looks, began to wash her floor. She "swashed" the water with such vigor that we were well drenched. We went outside and sat upon a log and sang plaintively, "Where, oh! where is our good old Daniel?"

At last his tall figure emerged from the forest. Without a word he sat down beside us. When ready to report, he said that there was no door open to us in this neighborhood, but suggested that we remain upon the log awhile, and pray and sing there. We were too much chilled with the long waiting in our damp condition, thanks to the Blacksnake deluge, to accept his proposition, and were making arrangements to go home, when Mrs. Johnny John, who was passing, said, "You may have a meeting in my house."

We promptly accepted this unexpected invitation, and followed the woman a half-mile over an indescribable trail, making familiar acquaintance with treacherous holes and stumps. Her house of one room, sixteen feet by seventeen, accommodated three beds, a large stove (red-hot at this time), a table, and a bench. We blew our tin horn, and thirty-two people, responding to the call, were packed into this small room. A garment, or section of a garment, was tucked into every air-hole by which broken windows and loose cracks might have been a merciful relief.

We endured this sense of suffocation and physical discomfort until half-past ten. Each one had something to say for or against the new religion, and it would have been a breach of Indian etiquette, not easily forgiven, to have closed the meeting earlier. Mrs. Wright and I were asked to sing sixteen times. It required more will-power each time to open our mouths in that polluted atmosphere.

At last we started for home. While fording the creek the bottom of our wagon fell into the water and floated down stream. "We ought," said Mrs. Wright, "to be thankful that the wheels are left, for they will take us home." We had never before appreciated the value of the dashboard, upon which our feet were elevated until we gladly dismounted at the Mission Home.



## INCIDENTS IN HOME MISSIONARY LIFE

BY REV. CLARENDON M. SANDERS

[Rev. C. M. Sanders was ordained in Illinois in 1867, and won the love and confidence of the churches of that State by several years' faithful preaching of the Gospel there. Later he commended himself to all who knew him by his successful ministry in Cheyenne, Wyoming. From 1887 to 1894 he did good service as this Society's superintendent in Colorado, residing in Denver. His health becoming seriously broken after further ministry to his early friends in Illinois, he came to New York city for medical treatment, and here the last months of his life were spent. His continued deep interest in Home Missions was manifested by visits to the Bible House, as his strength allowed, to learn of the progress of the work in the New West and elsewhere—a work which he hoped to renew and devote to it the remainder of his days.]

On one of these visits, a few days before his death, feeling unusually bright and hopeful, he left with the editor two brief chapters of "Incidents in Home Missionary Life," promised others as his growing strength should permit, and left with cheerful parting words. But his new hopes were never to be realized. On August 14th, with but the briefest warning, he was called home, ending at once his work and his sufferings.

The first of his articles is here given. The second will appear hereafter.—ED.]

I. BROUGHT TO SELF-SUPPORT.—For some twenty years the church at W. had been nursed by our Home Missionary mother. The first



year of my pastorate aid was received. At the end of the year I suggested self-support. This was thought to be impossible. One said, "It is with difficulty that we raise the present amount." Deacon B. declared, "It can't be done"; adding, "What is the Home Missionary Society for, if not to aid such churches as ours?" His idea seemed to be: Get all you can from the Home Missionary Society, and we will endeavor to raise the rest. I sought to set him right, telling him that the church should do its very best before appealing for aid, and adding my desire to test the matter. As I was in fact the most interested party, I felt free to urge the trial for one year. I made this proposition: If the church will earnestly and heartily do its best toward raising the salary, I will accept the amount thus raised, no call being made upon the aiding mother. The deacon thought I was assuming too much, and that my salary would be only the amount usually raised by the church.

But what was the result? Entering earnestly and with something of enthusiasm into the scheme, the additional amount was raised, and a surplus of thirty-five dollars remained over for the new year. This was a great and glad surprise to the deacon. No one felt the poorer for the effort.

The next year, what? The year closed so successfully that the people somehow came to feel over-confident. Instead of continuing to do their best, they slackened their efforts, so that at the close of this year they were again surprised to find a deficit of \$175 staring them in the face. At the annual meeting, when the fact was made known, a cloud shadowed the countenances of those present, for this was a large amount for the church at that time. Discouragement and despondency ruled the hour. No one presented a plan by which to raise the money. What can be done? was the thought as the meeting closed. It was indeed a time of emergency. To look upon that company and hear their conversation, one might think they were descendants of Barak; that debt was a Sisera with his nine hundred chariots. But Deborah was there. The next morning her husband called upon the pastor to talk of the meeting, and to assure him there was no difficulty in his direction. "Our great thought is how to keep you"; and he added: "Don't you allow yourself to get blue: there is a way out of this difficulty. My wife is to start out this morning, visiting, and soliciting aid from some of the outside friends of the church." "All right!" responded the pastor to his brother Hopeful; "I am not disheartened." That evening the pastor was present, and led the meeting. The first hymn sung was, "Triumphant Zion, lift thy head," etc., and the following hymns were of the same hopeful character. The ninety-third Psalm was read: "The Lord reigneth." No time was left unoccupied. At the close of the hour, sister Deborah arose and stated that she had already raised nearly one-half of the amount called for, and

should continue to solicit until the full amount was secured. This was a great and glad surprise: heads were bowed, and for a moment there was silence. Humiliation and confession followed. Said one, "How foolish we were to so distrust God." Said another, "I will have faith in God." In a week's time the debt, this Sisera with his nine hundred chariots, was conquered. This was a bright hour to the church, and the beginning of a gracious revival in which a goodly number found Christ, to the joy of their hearts. God give to all of our churches a sister Deborah. "O Lord . . . let them that love thee be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might."



## MISSIONARY WORK AMONG OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

ARE you asking, What can the Juniors do in the line of missionary work? They can be taught to feel, first, that the poor, the unfortunate, the sorrowing, we have with us always; that with these they can find the grand opportunity of missionary work. Should not all who have charge of boys and girls impress upon them the fact that there are children everywhere who are not so fortunate as themselves; that it lies within their power to help such children, to uplift and purify their lives, so that each Junior may become a working missionary? Show them what would come to pass if each boy and girl in the city and State would begin immediately to find even one person to help, should seek to elevate the life of such a one, and to fit him for the kingdom above. Here are some things a boy or girl can do. A flower, even in this land of flowers, may speak eloquently of God, the giver of all we have; a sack of coal, a pound of tea, may pave the way for the spoken word, and kindness and thoughtfulness shown in this way may be the prelude to the Sermon on the Mount. Our Juniors began by each one bringing a potato. We had enough to fill two sacks, and then came small packages of tea, sugar, meal, flour, and beans. These gifts have been a source of great satisfaction, and have brought help and comfort to a number of the poor and sick in our city.

You, children, are apt to think you cannot do enough to be of much account in a work so great; but do you know what the Scotch say: "Many littles make a mickle"? Have you read the story of Theresa and her halfpence? It was all she had: it seemed very small, and the need about her was very great; but what said she?

"But if in faith of the Master, confiding, and strong, and bold,  
I offer it, He in his richness may swell it a hundredfold!  
Ah! nothing can I and a halfpence accomplish, however so small,  
Yea, nothing—but God and a halfpence can compass and conquer all!"

Just think, children, of the love of all our boys and girls, the prayers of all our young folks, the pennies of all our little folks, what a great sum of work and prayer and money it would make!

There may be some readers of these lines who are to be congratulated upon having the charge of a Junior society.

You are doubtless growing to feel more and more the importance of training the young in a knowledge of and interest in the missionary work of the church. For as character is formed in childhood and youth, so it will remain through manhood and womanhood. You greatly desire that the boys and girls should grow up into straight, strong, glorious Christians, needing only to know the commands of the Lord to be ready to obey them.

We find too many grown-up people, professing Christians even, who pay little attention to this command: "Go, preach the Gospel," and who do little to teach the ignorant about Jesus Christ. Is not this because they were not trained in childhood to understand the meaning of Jesus' word, nor taught to love the work he has left for his people to do? That our own Juniors may be saved from this selfish way of living, let us organize "mission bands" in our societies; bands whose object is to secure on the part of the children an intelligent, sympathetic, systematic, and enthusiastic study of missions—then to enforce the theory by practical work. A great variety of work will be suggested to those in charge of bands. Patchwork for quilts is the first thing thought of for girls. Some may not fancy this, but much depends on the way it is managed. Girls can be taught to take each stitch in a loving way, with the earnest desire to do what they can to help those in need, and in time, as God gives them greater skill and means for usefulness, their patchwork will give place to greater things undertaken, and greater results achieved, in the name of Christ. Do you ask, "What can the boys do?" Anything that girls can, of course; what boy but would scorn a contrary statement? I could tell of boys—not mishy-mashy, milk-and-water boys, but real, fun-loving, true-hearted, talented, manly boys—who have cut patchwork, worked mottoes, knit mats, and I am glad to say these boys did their work well. By all means, enlist the boys. There is no end to the plans which they themselves, once interested, will suggest.

In the work of these bands, with so much that is delightful, there may be many things to perplex, perhaps to annoy. There will be mistakes; these young folks in getting started may cost you some money and a little trouble. Never mind; it will surely be money well invested, and trouble which will result in a plentiful harvest of good. Lead the Juniors patiently in the right way; help them over the hard places, they are but learners; they bring to their work hands not skilled but willing,

minds not taught but teachable, hearts not disciplined by years of Christian experience, but you will find them glowing in the ardor of youthful zeal, all ready to be impressed with the image of the Master, and molded for his service. Let us see that we train our Juniors in this missionary work, assured by the voice of inspired wisdom that, early brought into this way, when they are old they will not depart from it.

May this message make its quiet way to some whose hearts are prayerfully inquiring, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Let us take the past as our guide, and look forward into the future, for doing greater things, in the line of missionary work, for the boys and girls. May these lines be our inspiration:

"It pays to give a helping hand to eager, earnest youth;  
To note, with all their waywardness, their courage and their truth;  
To strive with sympathy and love their confidence to win:  
It pays to open wide the heart, and let the sunshine in."

—B. F. L., *Los Angeles, Cal.*



## IN A HARD FIELD

THE past quarter has been a trying one to me. I have suffered much illness, physical pain, and not a little mental trouble, because I could not do more for my blessed Master. At one time I thought my work was about done, but it pleased the good Lord to raise me up and put me into fair working condition again.

I have been successful in getting good brethren to help me, so that the preaching services have been maintained on every Sabbath but one. Very efficient helpers in our little church also took my place in the mid-week meeting, so that there has been no break in the prayer-meeting services.

The event of the past quarter has been the completion of improvements in our church edifice, which have changed it from a dark, dingy, uninviting place for public worship to a very neat and attractive little chapel. The three hundred dollars which it was necessary to expend to attain this end had been solicited by your missionary from his old friends in Connecticut. I hope that this work, which has cost no little labor, care, and vexation, will be to the glory of God.

The mountains round about this place are beautiful and grand, but they are full of illicit distilleries that are run by "moonshiners" in defiance of Uncle Sam. The majority of the people for many miles around are "moonshiners," or their friends; therefore it is almost impossible to enforce the laws against illicit distillers. One of the officers of



my church is United States Commissioner, and his principal work has been the trying of those arrested for violating the United States laws in regard to whiskey. He has been faithful and fearless, and as one consequence was shot from an ambush a little while ago. Fortunately, his injury was not serious, but we all feel that he is in danger of losing his life at any moment. Probably he will have to leave the place, and we shall thus lose one of our best members and my most efficient helper. These are the people you hear lauded so much as the "American Highlanders." This is a most beautiful country. "Every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." What, then, is the hope for this section? The coming in of Northern and Western people with capital, brains, and thrift to enjoy this superb climate and reap golden harvests from these fields that have been blasted and worn out by the shiftless methods entailed by slavery.

In this place the good work has been well begun. Since I came here several good families have come in, and most of such people cast in their lot with the Congregational church; so that it is only a question of time when, if the Congregational Home Missionary Society continues its fostering care, there will be a strong church here, not only to bless this place, but to cast its light over all the surrounding country, which only a few years ago was known as "the Dark Corner," and is still called so by some.—*North Carolina.*



## THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT AND CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

BY MRS. CLARENCE F. SWIFT, LANSING, MICHIGAN

YES, said the minister's wife to the President of the missionary society as they sat together, a committee of ways and means, talking over the interests of their various church organizations, I think it was really the most notable missionary meeting I ever attended. Not that it was called a missionary meeting; for if it had been known as such, probably there would have been about four of us present, instead of the dozen or fifteen who made up the company. You see, it happened in this way. We met one evening by accident in one of the little railway stations on a northern railroad, all bound for a resort a few miles distant, to listen to a well-known lecturer. We were all more or less acquainted, as people are apt to be who summer together, notwithstanding the fact that we were about as mixed a company as could well be brought into contact. The train was late, and as I looked about the

little, dimly lighted room and surveyed the different faces an impulse seized me. I had been haunted by my promise to write a certain paper for our missionary society on the question, *Is the Missionary Spirit an Essential Element in Christian Character?* I had not given much real thought to it, but it had kept pushing itself into my mind all through my summer holiday, and the time was drawing near when the question must be settled. Here was my opportunity.

We were all professing Christians, with one or two exceptions, the most striking one being a well-known skeptic, who was present with his wife, a church member but a society devotee, and their young lady daughter, a brilliant scholar, of perfect manners, but very cold and unsympathizing. In striking contrast to this family was a bright-eyed little woman in blue, with her friend, the missionary who had labored so long in Turkey, and was now in America resting and speaking for her cause. They had with them a young Turkish girl of high rank, who had come to this country to be educated. There were also in the company a philanthropist, with his companion, an energetic Christian man who had recently been much interested in building a new church; a theological professor; a student, honored for his genuine Christian character; a good sister, much interested in Home Missions as opposed to Foreign; a lady of leisure, who seemed indifference personified; the sweet-faced mother of a family with two of her boys just ready for college; and a white-haired saint, known and loved far and wide. He had been an unusually successful business man, noted for his consistency and honesty in both business and religious circles. We all knew what a friend he had been to education the world over; and it was rumored that scores of ministers called him their benefactor, while missionaries at home and abroad blessed his very name, and rich and poor alike delighted to honor him. The minister and myself completed the company. Here, thought I, as I looked about, is a chance for an object lesson. These friends, most of them, have developed more or less Christian character. How interesting it would be to see just how far the missionary spirit is responsible for it! The professor is the man to draw them out. They may think it cruel to bring theology into a summer camp, but I shall never have another such chance. The professor, at any rate, will be delighted.

"Professor," said I, innocently enough, "I see that the recent troubles in Turkey are bringing up the old, time-worn question of missions, and the advisability of carrying the Gospel to the heathen. How is it, anyway? Are we bound to do it? Is the missionary spirit really an essential element in Christian character?"

The professor brightened at once, and I was delighted to see that I had touched upon a favorite topic. "Well, my dear madam, your

inquiry opens up a great field of thought. Suppose we begin at the foundation of the matter—that is, with the question you have asked last, as to the relation of the missionary spirit to Christian character—and see what we shall find.” Here the professor straightened himself as for the delivery of a discourse. Now, you know that everybody listens to the professor when he speaks, and the little company began to close about him with one accord. “In the first place,” he began, “how shall we define the missionary spirit?” At the word “missionary” I couldn’t help noticing how some faces brightened and others fell; while the lady of leisure and the intellectual young woman turned with a common impulse as if to leave, but for lack of anything better finally stopped in their places.

“The missionary spirit may be defined briefly as the generous desire to pass on to others the benefits which Christ has brought to us; while I should say that Christian character is, to put it simply, the result in a man’s life of following Christ. Now, Christ’s life was one great act of giving—giving himself for all men. How then can we follow his example or reach a high type of Christian character without this same spirit of giving—giving ourselves for all men? And to what does this spirit lead but to missions—here, there, everywhere?” “Certainly, certainly, professor,” broke in the philanthropist, “there is nothing like giving. It is certainly ‘more blessed to give than to receive’; I can testify to that. There isn’t a day that my pocketbook does not have to respond, and there’s a great satisfaction in it, I can assure you. By the way, did I tell you that they are after me now to help build a gymnasium for the one-armed soldiers in our community? I don’t know but that I shall do it, too, although I have just spent a considerable sum for a library at the Institute for the Feeble-Minded. Yes, there’s a great satisfaction in giving!” And he rubbed his hands and beamed on all around in a self-satisfied way.

I just caught indistinct utterances from the minister, who was standing near, in regard to the Christ-spirit in giving, and about doing alms before men, when the man who had been building a church spoke up: “Did I understand you, professor, that a man isn’t a Christian who doesn’t believe in missions? I should be sorry to hear that from you.” “You will observe,” answered the minister, “that the professor proved that there could be no high type of Christian character without the Christ-spirit of giving, which he calls the missionary spirit. I think that he would agree that there may be, and are, multitudes of crude and undeveloped Christian characters who do not believe in, or at least do not exercise, the missionary spirit. But what poor, impoverished lives they lead compared with those who know the joy of giving in the spirit of Christ! Doesn’t this reasoning seem correct?”

"Well, I don't know, it may be all right in theory, but I tell you, sir, you can't practice it. It is folly. Here is our church; we've been struggling for years to build it. Now it is done, and it's a fine one too; but it isn't all paid for yet, and it strikes me that there is our first duty. We've got to provide for our own first, sir. Doesn't the Bible say that 'if any provide not for his own, he is worse than an infidel'? That's my belief. We haven't any right to send off to the heathen or anywhere else what ought to go to pay our own debts."

"My friend," said the student, "did you know that the matter has been carefully looked up, and it has been shown that the churches which give most largely to missions are the churches which most easily provide for home necessities? that self-extension reacts to promote self-support? that it keeps a church weak or an individual weak to do nothing for those who are without? Ladies, what do you do with your sweet peas or pansies to make them blossom? Pick them, of course. It is a natural law that giving begets the ability to give. If for no other reason than this, the missionary spirit should be cultivated."

"We workers in the field see that fact illustrated again and again," said the missionary. "The first impulse of the heathen heart after it has accepted Christ is to share its joy. And isn't that a natural impulse? Don't you remember how it was in your own case? When your heart was so full of peace and joy on the morning of your new birth, wasn't there a great desire to share your joy with your friends? And isn't this the missionary spirit, pure and simple? Now if this impulse had been followed, simply and faithfully, throughout your whole life, might not a height of Christian character have been reached which you can scale only in imagination now? It is this spirit which we try to cultivate continually in our work, and so it happens that there is rarely a conversion which is not followed by others; and then is cultivated the desire to teach, to preach, to be a Bible reader, as the case may be; and to give of material things as well. How is it, my dear," turning to the little Turkish maid, who was apparently listening with all ears to this discussion; "what did the girls in the school do last winter in their missionary society?"

"Why, we only did what our teachers did—gave a tenth of our money to take the Savior to others."

"And what if you had no money?"

"Oh, well, there was our food; a tenth of that would amount to a little something. Oh, my people need it so! Think of your lives with no blessed Savior—all dark, dark, dark."

I shall never forget the appeal of that voice—"all dark, dark, dark." We were all touched—even the lady of leisure lost her listless look. "Sometimes," said the professor, "I am reminded of an illustra-



tion I once heard Mr. Puddefoot use. He said that some Christians reminded him of the man who bought himself a forty-dollar overcoat and his wife a dollar bonnet, and then kept saying, 'I love you, oh, I love you, Maria!' Isn't that about the spirit in which we too often sing, 'I love thy Kingdom, Lord'? I think what we need is personal, or 'purse-and-all,' consecration, as I have seen it put. But, my friend," turning to the skeptic, "how does all this strike you?"

The skeptic, who thinks he is an honest doubter, was for once a little sober. "Well, seriously, friends, I believe I could preach you a little sermon from an outsider's standpoint. If you Christians really believe in a Christ who came to save all—and as far as I can understand there is no limitation; all, beggar and king, Chinaman, Hindu, and Fifth Avenue bondholder—and you have his command to follow him, why, in the name of consistency and loyalty, aren't you practicing what you profess, and rallying your forces and sweeping the world? You can't really believe that you have a Divine Leader! Why, there would be no limit to your power! We fellows would have to look out, or you would win us over, the first we knew. But practically, now, do you really think that the comparatively slight efforts which you do make, pay? Just let me question you a little, and see if you can stand fire."

"Now," said the minister, "you are asking a question which many Christians ask, and answer in the negative, and thus satisfy their consciences for doing nothing. But look at the facts: America paid in fifty years one and one-fourth millions to evangelize Hawaii, and during that time has received about four millions a year in trade. When Daniel Webster was Secretary of State he said: 'Our country owes it to the missionaries that all its territory west of the Rocky Mountains and south as far as the Columbia River is not owned by Great Britain!' The Governor of Natal said: 'One missionary is worth more than a battalion of soldiers'; and the Earl of Shaftesbury once made the statement: 'If London did not have its 400 missionaries, it would need 40,000 more police.' Their contributions to science and literature have been wonderful. The missionaries of the American Board alone have converted into written languages sixteen previously unwritten tongues. And then the joy of the work! How is it, my missionary friend?" Her face fairly beamed as she answered, "Here are a few words from a friend of mine who has just gone out to the work: 'Dear——, I have only just begun to live. I feel a power I never felt before. . . . More, more, dear Lord, of this wonderful life in thee!'"

"Isn't it an inspiration to hear of their work!" exclaimed the bright-eyed little woman in blue. "Why, sometimes, when I am unusually busy, I read absolutely nothing for weeks at a time but missionary intelligence, and I find that it, more than any other one class of reading, keeps

me in touch with the whole world, and is a daily inspiration." The lady of leisure looked up at this remarkable statement, and the intellectual young woman's face betokened real interest, for this same bright-eyed little woman in blue, whose lovely Christian character, as we all knew, had been tried in the furnace of affliction, and who was now serving as a home missionary teacher in a Western State, was acknowledged to be without question the best informed little person in our company, and the most entertaining of conversationalists.

"This is growing interesting," exclaimed the skeptic. "And now, my dear, what confession have you to make?" turning to his wife, whose religion had always seemed to somewhat amuse him. Now, this was rather trying for the poor woman, for you know she would do nothing which she thought to be really wrong, for the world. She attends church quite regularly, gives liberally when her feelings are stirred, manages a lovely home, and is universally considered, as indeed she is, a most charming woman socially. The only trouble seems to be that the cares and pleasures of this world have completely monopolized her time. I never saw her at a loss for words before, but now she hesitated and made some faltering excuses. "Of course she believed in it all; but really there were so many demands on one's time nowadays; and with her home and social claims and literary clubs and Shakspeare classes and French classes and musical clubs and—and"—"other clubs" (mischievously interpolated by her husband, who drew a pack of cards from his pocket)—"she—well—she supposed she hadn't been very consistent. But how was it ever to be managed? How do you manage it, with all your little ones?" turning to the sweet-faced mother of a family, who, with a boy on each side, had been an interested listener thus far.

"Me! Manage what? to find time for missions? Well, I suppose I feel something like the character in the 'Bonnie Brier Bush': 'He kens noo . . . that nae man can be a richt father tae his ain without being akin tae every bairn he sees.' And so, loving my own little flock as I do, how can my heart help going out to all the little ones the world over? Having all these young hearts and minds to train, I have always felt that I must get the very best help possible; and it has been my experience that the most symmetrical, the most helpful Christian characters I find among my own acquaintances and hear of elsewhere are those which are rounded by this world-wide love—the missionaries, and the great army of those workers at home who have their spirit. God willing, I may some day be able to repay the missionaries for the inspiration they have given my life by sending them some helpers; and I shall ask no more honorable positions for my boys than to serve their great Leader wherever he may appoint them—in Africa or America."

"Oh, let it be America by all means," interposed the good sister who was partial to Home Missions. "Why send such men abroad when there is so much need of them right here in our own land?" "That is for them to settle with their consciences," said the mother, with a loving look at each one; "as for me, I make no distinction. It is all one work. You may talk of the foreign field and the home field; Christ says, 'The field is the world.' " "And instead of Home Missions and Foreign Missions," added the minister, "let us say, as I have heard suggested, 'Christian Missions.' But our train is due in a few minutes, and we must not part without hearing from one whom we all admire, and whose character we must all desire to emulate. He has been sitting here listening so patiently to us, when he must have such valuable testimony to offer on this subject himself. I am sure he will let us call him our white-haired saint, and he will tell us what he considers the secret of his success." A solemn thrill passed through us all as the dear old man, young in heart as any of us, yet so evidently near the end of his race, arose, and, stretching out his hands, exclaimed: "The greatest of these is Love!" After a pause he continued: "My friends, I can say, with a well-known missionary, that there was a time when I had no care or concern for the heathen; that was when I had none for my own soul. When by the grace of God I was led to care for my own soul, I began to care for them; and not only for the heathen, but for all mankind. I began to love, and how could I love without sharing my blessings, everything which God in his great mercy gave me? and especially his greatest gift, the knowledge of the way of salvation? Could I love my brother, and not tell him that? It is said that Handel's Hallelujah Chorus was written to express his joy at the idea of the redemption of the race. Arouse yourselves, have a share in this redemption, and thus help to swell the new Hallelujah Chorus of the redeemed about the throne of God. "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.' And all the angels stood about the throne, saying, 'Amen! Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen!'"

A solemn hush—then the whistling of the train and the bustle of the departure; but I noticed that our party was strangely mixed. The philanthropist stayed behind to talk with the white-haired saint; the skeptic gave his arm to the sweet-faced mother of a family; the society devotee started off with the minister; the believer in Home Missions took the missionary and the Turkish maiden under her wing; the builder of the

new church buttonholed the student; the lady of leisure and the intellectual young woman each grasped an arm of the bright-eyed little woman in blue; while I found myself bringing up the rear with the two young missionaries-to-be, their boyish faces filled with a new expression of manliness. And as I looked about at the earnest faces of the group I was satisfied. I felt that my question was answered.



## PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO MR. HERBERT M. DIXON

[The following spontaneous tribute from a former pastor of Mr. Herbert M. Dixon of Smyrna, N. Y., for thirteen years an esteemed member of the Executive Committee of this Society, was received in a personal letter to one of the Secretaries. It is given here as expressing the sentiments of his associates—which, indeed, are the sentiments of all who have intimately known this earnest working Christian.—ED.]

“A HASTILY written postal has just been received, saying, ‘Father passed away last evening (June 28); funeral, Monday, at 2 P.M.—J. L. Dixon.’

“And so our Christian brother, indeed, Mr. Herbert M. Dixon, has been called to his heavenly rest! I was once his pastor. For one year I lived in his home. I knew him intimately and thoroughly, so transparent was he, as a Christian and as a man; and so I chose him and had him as my friend henceforth! How I envied him his childlike faith!

“His simple-heartedness was only matched by his single-mindedness. Always, and everywhere, he was doing good. I never knew a more cheery Christian. Religion seems only bright and joyous whenever I think of him; never sad or gloomy, nearly always singing as he was, because of his gleeful Christian, rather than natural, temperament.

“I believe one may be happily ‘born again,’ as well as favorably born. Some are not so. He, conspicuously, was. The very thought of him, to me, commends religion, presents its attractiveness. Is not even heaven the brighter because of the entrance there of such jubilant, triumphant Christians? It has now one more attraction for me.

“His usefulness, how unostentatious, yet varied and extended. In his home, in his native community, throughout the Chenango Valley, throughout New York State, in the nation, and in the wide world, whither his prayers extended and where his activities were felt, how he will be mourned. How few are like him. Who can take his place? Would that the world were full of such men!

“God be thanked for our mutual friend and brother, HERBERT M. DIXON.

Sincerely yours,

“CHARLESTON, S. C.

“HENRY MARTYN GRANT.”



## A CALL FROM THE SOUTH

AMONG all the papers and magazines which follow us from our Minnesota home to this pine-covered, "wire-grass region" of Georgia, none are more welcome than our steadfast friend, The Home Missionary. We hope in due time to see credited in it an offering from our new city of the "Old Soldiers' Colony." But for the present we must be content with laying, as well as we have strength to do it, the foundations as "upon rock" for the social and religious structures which we fondly hope may long stand here for good. Do you know that there have gathered here during the past three months from every State of our Union, and from almost every county of the Northern States, men and families to the number of 10,000 (estimated by the post-office authorities), fathers, brothers, and sons, families? Usually these are the fore-runners of a colony company numbering more than 50,000. Oklahoma over again in the rush and rustle, but here without startling expectations. We are here for the fruits, the sunshine, and the mild and even climate, hoping to lengthen our days, to increase our comforts in homes *all our own* "under our own vine and figtree," and to see and use the results of our own labors. The central city spreads outwardly in lots increasing in size. Then come the five-acre tracts, next the ten-acre, and so on to the eighty-acre farms—one immense city in which you are nowhere, for miles out, beyond the sound of ax and hammer. The 40,000 acres we now have subdivided are expected to yet increase to 100,000 acres, for which we have already the people and will have the land, as the undrawn and alternate tracts are sold to cash buyers, whether colonists or not. This is undoubtedly the greatest movement of people hereabouts since the armies moved. We find a welcome here, that might have been anticipated at the hands of our Southern brothers, everywhere full of chivalric hospitality. Here while we are building houses, clearing, fencing, planting trees—for we are in the central fruit belt of America, where scarcely a known tree but grows ten months in the year, and bears its fruit to a burden—we are also building society, planning and founding to build upon rock societies, civic, literary, beneficiary, of all kinds known anywhere. A Grand Army Post organized here with a larger number of charter members than ever before combined in the United States. Churches are organizing and building where they are strong and active, and where fewer in numbers we are pulling our smaller boats nearer shore. The Congregationalists, few but irrepressible, have but one service so far, though they are working for increase, and join leadingly in the Union Sunday-school, from which the Methodists and Baptists have already cut loose and started their

own. We have the Congregational quarterlies and papers, though in quite insufficient numbers, and to-day massed our pennies toward sending for "Gospel Hymns." Now, we just wish that some good soul at the North who has not spent all his money in getting here and opening his little "tract" would hear of us "away down South in Dixie," and we feel sure he would help us a little, so that we can better attract and instruct afresh in Christ's doctrine as he taught it nineteen hundred years ago from Olivet. Please tell them of us, and if there is any overflow beyond the needs of our present Sunday-school, the colored people just outside are waiting and expecting great help from us, and must not be disappointed. The State Missionary was here to advise and help us; but the school has grown, one scholar at a time, till the old "corn crib" which we use is getting too small. We must move and sometime build, and that must be done by adding one board and one nail at a time. We are so anxious to have these children and young men, and older people too, within some safe fold before any evil spirit moves them—yes, before they even find that they are away from the old home influences. Can some one help us? I will be pleased to answer personal letters. "Doing unto others," etc.,

DR. S. B. COE.

FITZGERALD, GA.



## DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY

THIS is, first of all, loyalty to Christ in a true, conscientious, religious life, devoted to God, the family, the church, and mankind; seeking all good, opposing all ill, and keeping mind and heart ever open to the highest truth. It is loyalty to one's own particular church, delighting in her assemblies, maintaining her services, attending her Bible school and mid-week prayer-meeting, and fostering all related activities. It is the spirit which sustains one's pastor, wins people to the sanctuary, makes pulpit presentation effective by a manly, winsome, godly life, and makes the church itself a name and a praise in Zion and the world.

It is also loyalty to the general sisterhood of churches, appreciating their organic principles, reverencing their eminent names, participating according to one's measure in their assemblies, and pushing their connectional activities for Christ and human good in all parts of the country and in distant lands. Such loyalty takes and reads denominational documents, seeks information of connectional causes, and in every particular makes the general name and sisterhood effectual with saving power.

Loyalty in each particular connection means full-hearted fellowship, benevolence and organization, proper devotion to prayer-meeting,

Sunday-school, church, conference, association, and missions, and all benevolent and educational activities. Such loyalty is large-minded, open-hearted, generous, unswerving, and faithful in every particular which concerns the common need and duty.

But denominational loyalty does not mean sectarianism, bigotry, or narrow-mindedness. It does not hold to infallibility of Pope or church or denomination. It does not tolerate denominational exclusiveness or monopoly. It recognizes the fact that each particular church and each particular denomination of churches is to advance by accepting new truth as God's providence makes it known. Ever since the church began, her Divine Head has raised up members able to unfold new truth, new methods, and new successes. The noblest church loyalty holds fast everything good in the old and rejoices to welcome the new.  
—*The Plantation Missionary.*

## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04
August.....3,460.00	487.56	2,167.21	6,114.77

THIS report of our August receipts shows the smallest sum acknowledged in that dry month for several years. Those who would account for it repeat the old story of churches and pastors scattered for the summer; business at the lowest ebb it has seen for many years; investments bringing nothing to the investor; the settlement of estates delayed to avoid great loss on securities offered in a panicky market; large givers awaiting the return of more stable times before deciding what they may safely do, etc., etc., etc.—reasons enough and plausible enough.

Meanwhile the missionaries are toiling manfully, uncomplainingly, sharing the sharp pinch of the times with their people, making the best of everything, willing to practice self-denial for so noble a cause, glad to know more intimately and to follow more closely the Master they serve, even if it must be through the fellowship of his sufferings.

The receivers and the almoners of the churches' offerings are waiting, no less anxiously than are the givers, for the better times that shall bring return of confidence, the revival of business, the hoped-for quickening of zeal, the renewal of courage, the reopening of hands, and the uplifting of believing prayer for the restoration of our country's prosperity. May our Lord hasten the glad day!

## APPOINTMENTS IN AUGUST, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Adams, Hubert G., Garretson, So. Dak.  
 Beran, John, La Crosse, Wis.  
 Biegert, John G., Seattle, Wash.  
 Burr, Horace M., West Ferndale, Wash.  
 Cinyburg, Miss Clara, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Coopridier, Wilford, Clio, Okla.  
 Duncan, Hugh J. B., Omaha, Neb.  
 Dykeman, S. B., Village Creek and Scatter Creek, Kan.  
 Grant, John W., Tidmore, Ala.  
 McReynolds, Samuel J., Burwick and Cimaron, Okla.  
 Matthews, Newman, Scranton, Penn.  
 Osgood, Richard S., Edgerton, Minn.  
 Peterson, Mathias, General Missionary among the Swedes in Western Wash.  
 Perks, Harry, Lockeford, Cal.  
 Pickle, Henry E., Guthrie and Beulah, Okla.  
 Rathbone, Leland D., Santa Rosa, Cal.  
 Thompson, Herbert, Ford, Fowler, and Crooked Creek, Kan.  
 Whitham, Frank E., Green Ridge, Mo.  
 Wilkinson, William A., Abercrombie, No. Dak.

*Re-commissioned*

Allen, Frank H., Albuquerque, New Mex.  
 Bair, William R., Dunlap, Sunny Side, and Big John, Kan.  
 Brier, John Wells, Antioch, Cal.  
 Childs, Edward P., Ashland, Ore.  
 Donovan, David, Paynesville, Minn.  
 Fellows, Charles B., Walker and Lothrop, Minn.  
 Ferrier, William W., Pacific Grove, Cal.

Fish, Samuel E., Aurora, So. Dak.  
 Forbes, Harrison L., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Fowler, William, Gencsee, Idaho, and Uniontown, Wash.  
 Grieb, Edmund, Needy, Ore.  
 Griffith, Thomas H., Brooklyn Hills, N. Y.  
 Griffith, William, Caledonia, No. Dak.  
 Grove, Claud E., Brightwood, Ind.  
 Hadden, Robert A., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Hindley, George, Ridgeville, Ind.  
 Hodoush, Miss Anna, Braddock, Pa.  
 Hoskins, Emanuel, Pescadero, Cal.  
 Kloss, Charles L., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Larson, Anton, Merrill, Wis.  
 Lewis, T. Henry, New Brighton, Minn.  
 Libby, Edgar H., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Locke, J. Frank, Round Prairie, Minn.  
 Neuenschwander, Daniel, Fessenden, Hoffnungsvoil, Einheits, and Eigenheim, No. Dak.  
 Nichols, John T., Seattle, Wash.  
 Noyce, George T., Brunswick and Willowdale, Neb.  
 Orchard, John, Fargo, No. Dak.  
 Parker, Lawrence J., Evangelist in Oklahoma.  
 Platt, Dwight H., Goodland, Kan.  
 Prucha, Miss Theresa, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Quaife, Robert, Toledo, Ohio.  
 Quader, Paul, Herndon and Logan, Kan.  
 Reitinger, Philip, Silver Lake, Minn.  
 Robinson, Oliver T., Perry and Lawnview, Okla.  
 Root, Edward T., Baltimore, Md.  
 Sanborn, D. Lee, Bruce, Wis.  
 Stevens, Clarence H., Lafayette, Colo.  
 Thomas, David L., Bowdle, So. Dak.  
 Travis, Lee James, Weymouth, Ohio.  
 Warren, Leroy, Brookfield, Mo.  
 Wurrtschmidt, C. W., Hastings and Inland, Neb.

## RECEIPTS IN AUGUST, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 330 to 332

## MAINE—\$54.56

Cape Elizabeth, Spurwink Y. P. S. C. E., by Elizabeth Tobey ..... \$1 00  
 New Gloucester, by H. G. Mank ..... 50 50

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$282.23; of which legacy, \$7.46.

F. C. I. and H. M. Union of N. H., Miss A. A. McFarland, Treas.:  
 Division of Undesignated Funds... 103 60  
 East Derry, First, by H. F. Herrick. 10 17  
 Exeter, Estate of Mrs. A. W. Chadwick ..... 7 46  
 Jacob Chapman ..... 50 00  
 Milford, First, by A. C. Crosby ..... 41 00  
 Pelham, A Friend ..... 10 00

## VERMONT—\$40.22.

Vermont Dom. Miss. Soc., W. C. Tyler, Treas.:  
 Chelsea ..... \$8 87  
 Weston ..... 4 35  
 13 02

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. R. P. Fairbanks, Treas.:  
 Brattleboro, Fessenden  
 Helping Hand Soc., for  
 Salary Fund ..... \$20 00  
 Jeffersonville, Y. P. S. C. E. 3 00

\$23 00

Newfane, Boys' and Girls' H. M. Army, by Miss Abbie Fish, special. 4 20

## MASSACHUSETTS—\$1,509.56; of which legacies, \$1,065.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.:  
 By request of donors, of which \$12.56 for the debt ..... 77 56  
 Agawam, Mrs. D. T. Rice ..... 2 00  
 Andover, Gift of a Bible Class of Phillips Academy in the Seminary Church, by Grace M. Whittemore, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor ..... 100 00  
 Boston, W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund Georgetown, Estate of Silena D. Winter ..... 50 00  
 Greenfield, Estate of William B. Washburn ..... 100 00  
 5 00



Holyoke, Girls' Circle of King's Daughters of Second Ch., by Agnes R. Allyn, for the debt.....	\$5 00
Northfield, Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Pittsfield, Estate of Mrs. F. T. Allen, by W. R. Plunkett, Ex.....	1,000 00
Springfield, Estate of Levi Graves, Income of Mission Farm, by D. W. Wells.....	60 00
Arthur L. Stebbins.....	10 00

## RHODE ISLAND—\$621.00 : legacy.

Pawtucket, Estate of Hugh McCrum.....	621 00
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## CONNECTICUT—\$944.96.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.:	
Norwich, Broadway Ch., by Helen B. Royce, for Spanish Work.....	2 00
Berlin, Second, by C. S. Webster.....	12 15
Bristol, by L. G. Merick.....	90 00
Connecticut, A Friend.....	100 00
Darien, by A. Morehouse.....	29 26
Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bradley.....	3 00
Greenwich, Second, A Friend, by I. L. Mead.....	100 00
Groton, to const. Charles E. White a L. M., by Wilson Allyn.....	65 55
Jewett City, Lisbon Cong. Ch., by Rev. Q. M. Bosworth.....	19 00
Kent, by George R. Bull.....	7 27
New Haven, Center Ch., by F. S. Bradley.....	276 45
Norfolk, by S. A. Selden.....	72 10
Northford, Ch. and Society, by William Maltby.....	30 00
Plainville, Mrs. Mary C. Morse, by Mrs. C. E. Blakeslee.....	5 00
Salisbury, by T. F. Dexter.....	3 00
South Manchester, by C. E. House ..	87 93
Stratford, of which \$4.75 from Oronoque mon. con., by S. A. Talbot, in full to const. Mrs. E. J. Atwood a L. M.....	42 25

## NEW YORK—\$786.80 : of which legacy, \$250.00.

Received by William Spalding, Treas.:	
Griffin's Mills.....	\$1 84
North Java.....	3 00
Paris.....	17 00
Rutland.....	6 52
Summer Hill.....	5 00
Syracuse, Plymouth Ch.....	105 86
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:	
Canandaigua, First, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$100 00
First, to const. Mrs. S. D. Backus, Mrs. C. T. Fitch, and Mrs. H. T. Parmele L. Ms.....	111 50
Honeoye.....	6 00
Albany, A Friend.....	50 00
Angola, Miss A. H. Ames.....	5 00
Brooklyn, Parkville, by Rev. W. A. Kirkwood.....	1 71
East Bloomfield, by F. Munson.....	12 75
East Rockaway, Bethany Ch., by Rev. Thomas S. Braithwaite.....	25 00
Flushing, Cong. Ch.....	10 00

Port Leyden, A Friend.....	\$5 00
Sherburne, Estate of Eri Benedict, by J. H. Benedict.....	250 00
Steuben, Welsh Ch., by Rev. E. Davies.....	11 82
Union Center, by W. L. Edson.....	2 70
Walton, A Friend.....	50 00
Warsaw, by F. W. Relyea.....	6 10

## NEW JERSEY—\$5.25.

East Orange, Swedish Ch., by Rev. A. P. Nelson.....	2 25
Perth Amboy, Swedish, by Rev. C. O. Sjoberg.....	3 00

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$11.53.

Arnot, Swedish, by Rev. C. J. Wideberg.....	2 50
Chandler's Valley, Swedish, by Rev. C. J. Lundquist.....	1 25
Mt. Carmel, S. S., by Morgan Davis.....	6 53
Warren, Bethlehem Scand, Ch., by Rev. J. A. Dahlgren.....	1 25

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$25.00.

Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Apoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:	
Washington, First, for Salary Fund.....	25 00

## GEORGIA—\$17.00.

Barnesville, by Rev. S. C. McDaniel.....	17 00
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## FLORIDA—\$16.65.

Avon Park, by Rev. F. D. Rood.....	10 00
Tampa, by Rev. E. P. Herrick.....	6 65

## OKLAHOMA—\$4.25.

Hennesy, Hope Ch., Turkey Creek and Vernon, by Rev. J. A. Bingham Medford and West Medford, Osage Ch., by Rev. J. L. Read.....	1 00
Wakita, Mrs. T. A. Bruncker, by Rev. T. A. Bruncker.....	2 00

## OHIO—\$208.30.

Rec'd by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.:	
Ashtabula, L. J. Deming.....	\$25 00
Cleveland, Pilgrim, by H. C. Holt.....	60 00
Cuyahoga Falls, by Rev. C. R. Freeman.....	9 20
Mecca, Jr. C. E., by N. M. Buck.....	3 00
Springfield, Lagonda Ave., by C. E. Saxton.....	5 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Cincinnati, Vine Street, Dime Banks of Alexander Henderson and Mrs. E. M. Lawton.....	\$10 00
Walnut Hills, Dime Bank of Mrs. Sarah Norton, Master Will Morris, and Anna L. Strong.....	15 00
Hudson, for Salary Fund ..	3 25

Oberlin, First, L. A. S., Dime Bank of Mrs. A. H. Currier..... \$5 00		
Springfield, First, Dime Bank of C. E. Folger.... 5 00		\$38 25
Ashtabula, Swedish, by Rev. C. A. Widing..... 4 35		2 00
Brecksville, First, by H. M. Rinear.. Elyria, Mrs. E. A. De Witt, by I. D. Metcalf..... 50 00		10 00
Oberlin, Mrs. E. B. Clark..... 1 50		
Tallmadge, by John W. Seward.....		
INDIANA \$8 00.		
Coal Bluff, \$5; Caseyville, \$1; and Cardonia, \$2, by Rev. J. A. Griffin.		8 00
ILLINOIS—\$345.00; of which legacy, \$100.00.		
Illinois Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Tompkins, D.D.: Salary Fund, \$100; Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, \$100..... 200 00		40 00
Chicago, Mr. David Fales.....		5 00
Elgin, Mrs. S. M. Burdick, Dime Bank, by Rev. J. S. Rood.....		100 00
Freeport, Legacy of L. A. Warner, by A. C. Warner, Ex.....		
MISSOURI \$20 00.		
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. K. L. Mills, Treas.: Brookfield, L. H. M. S..... \$15 00		75
Less Expenses.....		14 25
Old Orchard, by C. O. Twining..... 7 50		2 15
S. S., by G. W. Hutchinson.....		5 00
Willow Springs, First, by Rev. A. A. Robertson.....		
MICHIGAN—\$23.75; legacy.		
Adrian, Estate of Mrs. A. M. Lathrop, by A. L. Millard.....		23 75
WISCONSIN—\$10.58.		
Mauston, Mrs. C. W. Barney, \$1; Mrs. M. A. Loomis, \$1, by Mrs. M. A. Loomis..... 2 00		6 58
New London, by S. T. Ritchie.....		2 00
Wausau, Scand., by Rev. C. J. Jensen		
IOWA—\$1.00.		
Macksburgh, A Friend of Missions...		1 00
MINNESOTA—\$724.78.		
Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:		
Campbell..... \$4 00		3 35
Center City.....		2 50
Claremont.....		1 70
Franconia.....		2 50
Madison.....		1 25
Maplewood.....		
Marshall..... \$9 00		10 00
Medford.....		10 82
Minneapolis, Open Door...		1 50
Rock Creek.....		2 15
Scandia.....		141 19
Winona.....		189 96
Woman's H. M. Union, Minn., Mrs. M. W. Skin- ner, Treas.:		
Ash Creek..... 1 60		10 84
Austin.....		1 56
Biwabik.....		5 00
Barnesville.....		1 63
Center City.....		4 00
Custor.....		1 20
Dawson.....		15 00
Duluth, Pilgrim.....		4 50
Ellsworth.....		3 15
Edgerton.....		1 50
Franconia.....		
Faribault, \$10.50; Jr. C. E., \$5..... 15 50		1 92
Gibbon.....		2 15
Granite Falls.....		1 25
Garvin.....		1 50
Kanaranzi.....		1 05
Lake Benton.....		2 75
Lamberton.....		1 60
Madison.....		
Marshall, \$4.55; Jr. C. E., 77c..... 5 32		19 00
Mazeppa.....		
Minneapolis, Missionary Union..... 6 43		40 47
Plymouth.....		6 75
Pilgrim.....		12 52
Moorehead.....		1 65
Monticello.....		1 35
New Duluth.....		1 75
New Ulm.....		3 00
New Richland.....		3 91
Rush City.....		61 77
Rochester.....		1 50
Robbinsdale, Y. L.....		1 60
Sandstone.....		40
Springfield.....		9 50
Sleepy Eye.....		35 60
St. Paul, Park.....		29 00
Anthony Park.....		14 77
Sauk Center.....		1 67
Tyler.....		4 25
Winthrop.....		1 00
Walnut Grove.....		2 50
Worthington.....		20 60
Waseca.....		125 00
Winona, First.....		10 00
Second.....		50
West Dora.....		
Less Expenses..... \$681 47		25 00
		\$664 47
Granada, by Rev. S. A. Van Luyen..		2 50
Minneapolis, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Special..... 40 00		
New Duluth, Mayflower Ch., by Rev. J. I. Sanford..... 3 45		2 69
Pelican Rapids and West Dora, by Rev. E. B. Palmer.....		3 32
St. Charles, First, by Mrs. L. N. Howe.....		2 00
St. Paul, People's Ger. Ch., by Rev. Wm. Oehler.....		1 00
Spencer Brook, Scand., by Rev. A. P. Engstrom.....		2 00
Upsala, Swedish, by Rev. A. G. Pet- tersen.....		
Winona, Second, by Rev. W. L. Dibble..... 3 35		

KANSAS—\$34.67.

Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas.		
Kan. H. M. Soc.:		
Alton .....	\$2	25
Osawatomie.....	5	00
		\$7 25
Altoona and Village Creek, by Rev. I.		
D. Barnard.....		
Ash Rock, \$1.52; New Harmony,	1	41
\$1.38; Bloomington, \$2.07, by Rev.		
T. E. Roberts.....	4	97
Cleburne and Bala, by Rev. J. Izard,	9	00
Dunlap, Sunnyside, and Big John, by		
Rev. W. R. Bair.....	2	00
Fredonia, First, by Rev. H. D. Herr,	6	04
Kiowa, Ladies, through W. H. M. U.,		
by Rev. J. E. Everett.....	4	00

NEBRASKA—\$37.89.

Cortland and Pickrell, by Rev. F. G.		
McHenry .....		
Crete, Mr. Vogel, through Rev. W.	5	00
Fritzmeier .....	1	00
Doniphan, West Hamilton, and North	10	00
Hastings, by Rev. E. Cressman....		
Friend and Turkey Creek, Ger., by	8	49
Rev. G. Essig.....	3	00
Germantown and Oak Grove, Ger-	2	10
man, by Rev. F. Woth.....	1	30
Inland, Ger., by Rev. C. W. Wurr-	2	00
schmidt.....	5	00
Maple Creek, by Rev. H. M. Lyman,		
Nelson, Deshler, Edgar, Firfield, and		
Deweese, German, by Rev. J. Lich,		
Omaha, Hillsdale Ch., through		
Ladies' Aid Society, by F. M. Ham-		
ling.....		

NORTH DAKOTA—\$22.60.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. M.		
Fisher, Treas.:		
Fargo, First.....	\$5	00
Cummings .....	4	45
Hope, by Rev. J. E. Jones .....		
Niagara, by Rev. W. B. Cunningham	8	15
	5	00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$38.64.

Received by Rev. C. J. Hansen,		
Scand. Ch.....		
Columbia, by Rev. I. R. Prior .....	10	75
Keystone, by Rev. J. A. Becker .....	4	25
Letcher, Firesteel, Bethel, and Lis-	4	00
bon, by Rev. C. F. De Groff .....	6	64
Sioux Falls, Ger., by Rev. J. M. Preiss	2	50
Willow Lake and Pitrodie, by Rev.		
W. C. Cleworth.....	10	50

COLORADO—\$91.50.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. B. C.		
Valentine, Treas.:		
Colorado Springs, First, for		
the debt.....	\$68	00
Highland Lake .....	1	00
		\$69 00
Denver, Olive Branch, by Rev. C. M.		
Thomas .....		
Mayflower Ch., by Rev. J. Turner.	3	50
Flagler, Seibert, and Claremont, \$1;	6	00
Rev. G. E. Tuttle, \$1, by Rev. G. E.		
Tuttle.....	2	00
Herman, by Rev. H. M. Skeels .....	7	00
Otis and Hyde, by Rev. G. Dungan..	2	00
Telluride, by Rev. H. Sanderson.....	2	00

MONTANA—\$6.83.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. H. E.		
Jones, Treas.:		
Castle, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	5	00
Helena, Rev. W. S. Bell .....	1	83

CALIFORNIA—\$60.13.

Received by Rev. J. T. Ford :		
Rialto, Y. P. S. C. E.....	4	95
Dehesa, \$4.43; Jamacha, \$1.95, by		
Rev. A. C. Dodd .....	6	38
Escondido, by Rev. A. B. White .....	34	85
Etiwanda, by Rev. C. H. Davis.....	8	75
San Miguel, by Rev. T. W. De Long,	2	20
Sunol Glen, by Rev. J. H. Strong....	3	00

OREGON—\$3.00.

Portland, Miss. Ave. Church, by Rev.		
H. W. Young .....		
	3	00

WASHINGTON—\$48.10.

Chelan, for the debt, by Rev. W. L.		
Dawson.....		
Dayton, First, by Rev. F. B. Doane.,	2	00
Endicott and Alkali Flats, Ger., by	5	00
Rev. J. Hergert.....	2	00
Everett, by R. O. Sturgeon .....	5	10
Port Angeles and Pine Hill, by Rev.		
G. W. Nelson.....	3	00
Ritzville, by Rev. J. Lockwood .....	5	00
Seattle, First Ger. Ch., by Rev. J. G.		
Biegert .....	15	00
Sprague, First, by Rev. O. S. Haines	2	00
Steilacoom and Lakeview, by Rev. W.		
F. Rose .....	4	00
Sumner, Jean H. Brown .....	5	00
HOME MISSIONARY .....	33	45
		\$6.043 07

Contributions in August, excluding contributions for the debt .....	\$3,460 00
Legacies in August .....	2,167 21
Contributions for the debt in August.....	487 56

Total receipts in August.....	\$6,114 77
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Contributions for the debt to September 1st :

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$86,656 58	
Special for debt.....	8,825 76	
		\$95,482 34

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. Brooks, two boxes.  
 Hollis, N. H., Ladies' Reading and  
 Charitable Society, by Mrs. Annie V.  
 Colburn, barrel.....  
 St. Louis, Mo., Y. L. M. S. of Pilgrim  
 Ch., by Miss Grace Burnham, box.

\$39 67

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Mrs. E. B.  
 Ripley, box and cash.....  
 Warsaw, N. Y., Ladies, by Mrs. M. D.  
 Jenks, box.....

\$100 00

40 00

\$179 67

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society from April 15 to September 1, 1896.*JOHN L. CROSBY, *Treasurer*

Abbot Village, by G. A. Bradman.....	\$1 00	Foxcroft and Dover, Ladies, by Rev. C. H. B. Woodbury.....	\$5 00
Alfred, by John M. Akers.....	10 50	By Rev. C. H. B. Woodbury.....	50 00
Bangor, Central, Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	5 00	Frankfort, by Grace E. Washburn.....	7 25
First Cong. S. S., by P. T. Hubbard.....	11 81	Fryeburg, Y. P. S. C. E., by Delia A. Pingree.....	8 00
Central Dist. S. S., by R. H. Hunt.....	12 00	Gardiner, First, by F. D. Dingley.....	14 76
Bath, Winter St. S. S., by C. C. Low.....	21 68	Garland, by Miss Sarah A. Curtis.....	3 75
Belfast, First, by A. O. Stoddard.....	50 00	Hampden, First, by Mrs. Kate R. Whit- man.....	4 25
Biddeford, Second, by E. H. Goldthwaite.....	20 00	Harrison, by Rev. A. G. Fitz.....	4 00
Bingham, by Mrs. Calvin Colby.....	7 00	Hiram, Y. P. S. C. E., by Delia A. Pin- gree.....	3 00
Bluehill, First.....	5 00	Industry, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	5 50
Brewer, First, by G. A. Snow.....	11 25	Kennebec Conference, by Rev. James Richmond.....	3 35
First Cong. S. S., by A. Robinson.....	10 00	Kennebunk, Union, by H. S. Brigham.....	50 37
Brooks, by Miss Grace E. Washburn.....	1 00	Kohala, Hawaii, Rev. Elias Bond.....	100 00
Brooksville, by Everett U. Douglass.....	5 00	Limington, by Rev. C. S. Wilder.....	20 00
Brownfield, Y. P. S. C. E., by Delia A. Pingree.....	4 00	Litchfield Corners, by D. T. Smith.....	13 00
Brownville, Ch. and S. S., by Rev. W. C. Curtis.....	15 00	Little Deer Isle, by Rev. Charles Whit- tier.....	5 64
Calais, First, by A. L. Clapp.....	20 00	Machias, Center St., by A. L. Heaton.....	5 71
A Friend of Home Missions.....	15 00	Marshfield, by Mrs. Jennie Lyons.....	1 50
Camden, Elm St., by H. J. Hemingway.....	16 00	Masardis, by Rev. Charles Whittier.....	1 47
Ladies, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	1 00	Mechanic Falls, by Mrs. O. W. Hawkes.....	22 40
Casco, Woman's Miss. Aux., by Mrs. C. W. Jordan.....	10 00	Norridgewock, by C. E. Warren.....	24 40
Center Lebanon, by Mrs. M. A. Shap- leigh.....	11 33	Norway, Mrs. Sarah A. Holt.....	70 00
Conway, Y. P. S. C. E., by Delia A. Pin- gree.....	5 00	North Bridgton, by Rev. A. G. Fitz.....	8 00
Cornish, by Margie C. Marr.....	6 10	North Deer Isle, by Rev. Charles Whit- tier.....	3 40
Cranberry Isles, by Rev. Charles E. Harwood, to const. him L. M.....	20 00	Perry, by Rev. J. H. Helsel.....	5 00
Cumberland Center, by Rev. F. W. Davis.....	13 00	Phippsburg, by Frank S. Bowker.....	6 40
Cumberland Mills, Warren Ch., by James Graham.....	107 30	Portland, West, by B. C. Fuller.....	28 00
Deer Isle, Beach S. S., by Mrs. D. W. Torrey.....	2 50	Williston, by A. L. Burbank.....	37 23
Denmark, Y. P. S. C. E., by Delia A. Pingree.....	5 00	State St., by H. M. Bailey.....	200 00
East Baldwin, by Mrs. Emily Brown.....	10 00	Second Parish, by R. Acres.....	74 00
East Orrington, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. T. George.....	4 00	Presque Isle, by Rev. C. H. Harbutt.....	4 00
By Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	6 00	Princeton, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	3 00
East Stoneham, by F. H. Bartlett.....	6 07	Red Beach, by Rev. F. W. Conley.....	6 00
East Sumner, by Rev. P. E. Miller.....	10 00	Riverside, by F. H. Baker.....	1 00
Eastport, Central, by Rev. C. S. Holton.....	8 36	Rockland, by E. M. Stubb.....	42 83
Eliot, Ch. and S. S., by Rev. A. L. Golder.....	7 12	Scarboro, First, by Rev. J. G. Merrill.....	15 00
Ellsworth, by Hon. George P. Dutton.....	34 75	Searsport, by Miss Grace E. Washburn.....	6 00
Ellsworth Falls, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	1 06	By Misses Washburn and Hale.....	6 00
Falmouth, First, by Alfred Merrill.....	10 00	Sherman Mills, Washburn Memorial Ch., by Rev. I. C. Bumpus.....	7 00
Farmington, legacy from Hiram Holt, by Ex.....	2,000 00	Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. I. C. Bumpus.....	3 75
First, by Rev. E. R. Smith.....	29 04	South Brewer, by Eva L. Long.....	13 60
Farmington Falls, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	5 59	South Freeport, by Rev. Arthur Smith.....	41 45
Fort Fairfield, by Rev. G. B. Hescok.,..	12 00	Springfield, by Rev. Chas. Whittier.....	2 00
		Stillwater, by Mrs. W. H. Woodward.....	5 00
		Strong, by C. A. Breck.....	3 25
		Sunset, by W. John T. Brown.....	4 68
		Thomaston, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	4 47



Tremont, by Rev. G. H. Hefflon .....	\$25 02	Wilton, by Rev. B. S. Sanborn.....	\$26 40
Union Conference, by Rev. D. P. Hatch .....	5 00	Winslow, by Rev. T. P. Williams.....	15 00
Vanceboro, by Rev. Chas. Whittier .....	5 00	Winthrop, A Friend, by Geo. O. Packard.....	50 00
Vassalboro, Adams Memorial, by Mrs. M. A. Bush .....	3 00	Yarmouth, First Parish, by C. L. Marton.....	15 00
By F. H. Baker .....	50	Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, by Treas.....	1,064 41
Warren, by Rev. D. P. Hatch .....	8 39	Income from Investments .....	845 97
Washington Conference, by Rev. C. S. Holton.....	21 00	Previously acknowledged.....	5,664 32
West Auburn, by Mrs. Mary K. Briggs .....	15 00	Total Sept. 21, 1895, to date .....	9,183 99
West Brooksville, by Mrs. M. B. Stevens .....	1 33		
West New Portland, by Mrs. Cyrus S. Luce.....	3 00		

## VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from July 20 to August 20, 1896.*

WM. C. TYLER, *Treasurer*

Center Rutland, Swedish Ch.....	\$4 25	Middlebury, A Friend .....	\$5 00
Charleston, West .....	40 00	Pownall, North.....	5 00
Craftsbury, North .....	4 00	Royalton, South .....	13 40
Chelsea, for C. H. M. S.....	8 87	Westmore.....	6 91
Eden, for Women Evangelists.....	15 50	Weston, for C. H. M. S. ....	4 15
Fairlee.....	11 00	W. H. M. U. ....	15 00
Greensboro, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 64	Interest .....	55 00
Hubbardton, S. S.....	7 25		
Ludlow .....	15 00		\$212 97

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in August, 1896.* REV. EDWIN

B. PALMER, *Treasurer*

Acton, by Rev. Bernard Copping.....	\$29 00	Massachusetts, a Friend.....	\$5 00
"A Friend of the Cause," Mrs. A. H. P. Andover, West, by F. S. Boutwell.....	20 00	Medford, South, Union, by H. B. Doland.....	7 00
Bank Balances, July Interest.....	50 00	Medway Village, Mrs. C. D. Adams, by M. M. Fisher, to const. Mrs. C. D. A. a L. M. of C. H. M. Soc.....	50 00
Barnardston, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. H. L. Crowell.....	20 36	Methuen, First, by Jacob Emerson.....	20 32
Billerica, by J. F. Bruce.....	1 50	Middleboro, North, by Chas. S. Tinkham .....	45 46
A Friend.....	9 00	Northampton, Mrs. Lavinia M. Smith..	5 00
Boston, South, Carrie A. Harlow.....	3 00	Northfield, Trinitarian, by Mary T. Dutton.....	31 00
Brookline, Harvard, by Jas. H. Shapleigh, for Italian Work.....	30 00	P. E. N.....	25 00
Cambridge, First, by Geo. S. Saunders.	624 22	Plymouth, Silver Lake Y. P. S. C. E., by H. W. Clemons.....	1 00
Chicopee, First, E. C. a Day Band, by Rev. C. G. Burnham.....	21 21	Reading, by Dean Peabody.....	25 00
Colerain, by Rev. F. H. Bodman.....	6 00	Richmond, Y. P. S. C. E., by Helen L. Coleman.....	7 00
Concord, Trinitarian, by Thomas Todd	10 00	Rochester, North, by A. K. Small.....	2 00
East Bridgewater, Union, by Geo. M. Keith .....	6 09	Rockport, First, by Z. A. Appleton (of wh. \$5 from Z. A. A.).....	16 04
Everett, a Friend.....	1 00	Royalston, First, by Colin Mackenzie..	8 29
Grafton, Evan., by Geo. K. Nichols.....	76 70	Y. P. S. C. E., by Colin Mackenzie.....	5 00
Great Barrington, H. M. Silver Circle, by E. J. Langdon.....	5 00	Rutland, First, by Rev. Sidney Crawford, to const. Mrs. M. L. Miles a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	56 00
Hatfield, by Alpheus Cowles.....	49 49	Y. P. S. C. E., by H. D. Bray, for C. H. M. S.....	9 00
Hinsdale, by M. M. Wentworth.....	14 00	Shrewsbury, by Henry Harlow.....	10 00
Howe St. Est., Chicago, Ill., Balance...	66 55	Shutesbury, by N. A. Briggs.....	15 00
Ipswich, South, by Rev. T. F. Waters.....	100 00	Springfield, First, by H. G. Camp.....	50 00
Lakeville, Precinct S. School, by T. P. Paull.....	9 00	Sunderland, by W. L. Hubbard.....	82 87
Lawrence, Clara F. Prescott, for debt of C. H. M. Soc.....	12 56		
Marshfield, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Lilla A. Baker.....	2 72		

Tewksbury, by Enoch Foster.....	\$15 36	Wrentham, First, by S. M. Gerould.....	\$16 70
Townsend, Orth., by J. W. Eastman....	16 07	Woman's Home Missionary Association,	
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., by J. W. Eastman.	1 00	by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:	
West Boylston, by E. B. Rice . . . . .	6 25	Special, for French Prot. Col-	
Westfield, Second, by R. L. Scott.....	34 96	lege, Springfield.....	\$25 00      25 00
Williamstown, South, Sunday-school,			
by Rev. J. A. Lytle.....	2 35		\$1,792 07
Woburn, Conference of Churches, by		HOME MISSIONARY.....	3 30
Rev. G. E. Lovejoy, Treas., for Mont-			
vale Ch.....	26 00		\$1,795 37

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in August, 1896.* WARD W. JACOBS,

*Treasurer*

Chatham, Cobalt, by Rev. J. W. Moul-		Montville, Rev. G. H. Morss, personal.	\$2 00
ton.....	\$13 00	In Memory of Mrs. G. H. Morss.....	3 00
Cobalt, see Chatham.		New Canaan, by H. B. Rogers.....	46 09
Fairfield, Greenfield, by Oliver H.		Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman....	15 25
Meeker, to const. Oliver H. Meeker		For C. H. M. S.....	15 25
a L. M.....	63 00	Portland, Swedish, by Rev. Carl E.	
Glastonbury, First, by M. S. Tracy....	601 23	Carlson.....	2 00
Greenfield, see Fairfield.		Windham, by William Swift....	43 95
Hartford, Park, by Willis E. Smith....	32 83	Windsor, First, Y. P. S. C. E., for C.	
Huntington, by Frank H. Wells.....	9 00	H. M. S., by Miss M. E. Sill.....	5 00
Litchfield, Milton, by W. E. Page.....	12 00		
Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur....	45 00		
Milton, see Litchfield.			\$908 60

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in August, 1896.* REV. JOHN P.

SANDERSON, *Treasurer*

Cannon.....	\$3 00	Cheboygan, W. H. M. U.....	\$5 00
Detroit, Woodward Ave.....	21 37	Detroit, W. U. of Woodward Ave.	
Grandville.....	3 01	(Second) Ch.....	50 00
Greenville.....	50 00	Dowagiac, W. H. & F. M. S.....	10 00
Hopkins Station, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00	Ellsworth, W. H. M. S.....	3 30
Howard City.....	2 00	Grand Ledge, L. A. S. & W. H. M. S.	1 50
Lake Linden.....	30 00	Grand Rapids, Smith Memorial, W.	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	M. S.....	10 00
Lowell, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Greenville, W. H. M. S.....	7 15
Old Mission.....	20 00	Harrison, " ".....	5 00
Stanton, T. N. Stevens.....	25 00	Mulliken, " ".....	1 25
A Friend.....	49 00	Olivet.....	15 61
A Friend.....	40 00	South Haven, W. M. S.....	5 00
W. H. M. U., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill,		Trout Creek, W. H. M. S.....	2 50
Treas.....	83 99		
			\$124 31
	\$331 37		

*Receipts of the W. H. M. U. of Michi-*  
gan in August, 1896, Mrs. E. F.  
Grabille, Treas.:

## SENIOR FUND

Allegan, W. M. S..... 8 00

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

Olivet, S. S..... 5 00

## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804

and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE

##### ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA- TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

#### 7. KANSAS

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St.,  
Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

#### 8. OHIO

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, The Morris,  
Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
St., Toledo.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President.* Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St., Syracuse.  
*Treasurer.* Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President,* Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President,* Mrs. W. H. Boals, Fargo.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President,* Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.,* Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No. Portland.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Portland.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President,* Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St., Tacoma.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street, Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President,* Mrs. C. E. Corry, Columbia.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. B. H. Burr, Huron.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President,* Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New Britain.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St., Hartford.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President,* Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St., Kansas City.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave., Kansas City.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave., Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President,* Mrs. Isaac Claflin, Lombard.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President,* Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer,* Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave., Des Moines.

## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President,* Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oakland.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St., Oakland.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St., Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President,* Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary,* Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer,* Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.



## 21. FLORIDA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

## 22. INDIANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. D. F. Coe, Elkhart.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

## 23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 353 So. Hope St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

## 24. VERMONT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. J. Van Patten, Burlington.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

## 25. COLORADO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Charles Westley, Box 508, Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

## 26. WYOMING

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

## 27. GEORGIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

## 28. MISSISSIPPI

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Emma Redick, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

## 29. LOUISIANA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. M. Crawford, Hammond.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Matilda Cabrère, 152 North Galvez St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

## 30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 216 N. McNairy St., Nashville, Tenn.

## 31. NORTH CAROLINA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

## 32. TEXAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. I. Carroll, 331 Grand Avenue, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave.,  
 Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Lanford.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Ter-  
 race, Philadelphia.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. W. M. Wellman, El Reno.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. E. Platt, Guthrie.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. B. Hammer, Oklahoma City.

## 36. NEW JERSEY

INCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND,  
 AND VIRGINIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF  
THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

Organized March, 1891

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Bradford, Montclair.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. D. Hagerman, Montclair.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Denison, 150 Belleville Ave.,  
 Newark.

## 37. UTAH

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1891

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, 135 Sixth East  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. E. Hall, 78 East First North  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
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## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

BY REV. ROSELLE T. CROSS, YORK, NEBRASKA

### XVI.—THE GREAT AMERICAN DESERT



**A**FTER Superintendent Blanchard left Colorado for an Eastern field at the end of 1884 no new Superintendent was appointed at once. Until one was appointed, the writer was requested to be the acting superintendent. He took that work in addition to the care of his own parish, supposing it would be for a few months only. But it was almost two years before he was relieved of it. Of course, old sermons had to be used to some extent, and he could not often visit the churches on Sunday. But he took many trips between Sundays, while he tried not to allow his own church work to suffer. One thing that greatly facilitated this work was a new first-class tricycle which a friend gave him, and on which he could fly rapidly over his parish and around the city. As it was the first one to be regularly used in that city it was an object of much attention, being often surrounded by an inquisitive crowd. The pastor was often described as the man on a tricycle.

In June, 1885, he attended the home missionary annual convention at Saratoga Springs. The following extracts from his remarks at that meeting show in part his estimate of the field and the work :

“ We do not have many inhabitants to the square mile in Colorado, but we have a good many square miles, and a good deal of territory to the square mile. We have to stack it up in great heaps three miles high, and we are all the time giving it away. The immensely fertile States east of us obtained all their fertile land from our mountains.

“ We have now thirty-two churches, with about 1,800 members and 2,700 Sunday-school scholars. A larger proportion of our churches are

self-supporting than in any other State west of the Mississippi. We have also a college. It has received a set-back, but it is going to live, and in the judgment of the brethren on the field it ought to live. Its available resources for next year are \$32.40! Since the first of January our churches have added 300, or about twenty per cent., to their membership. The same rate of increase throughout the country would add 80,000 to our churches! Six years ago to-night we organized the second church in



COLORADO COLLEGE AND PIKE'S PEAK

Denver. Some doubted whether there was room for another church in that city then. A few weeks since we organized the eighth church. All of them are well located. If you think we have too many, I answer, 'Come, and see.'

"A yearly feast of tabernacles will have to be one of the institutions of our Denver churches in the future. The regular way of starting a church with us is to put up a tent, which sooner or later blows over in



some hard wind, and then we have to go to work and put up something better. That fact symbolizes our work. An important factor of any successful work in the West is a patient, faithful holding on through all sorts of trials, discouragements, and opposition. Our work requires patience, but it also requires a holy impatience. I get great comfort from the fortieth Psalm. In the first verse the Psalmist says : 'I waited patiently for the Lord,' and we all have to do that. But in the last verse he cries : 'Make no tarrying, O my God.'

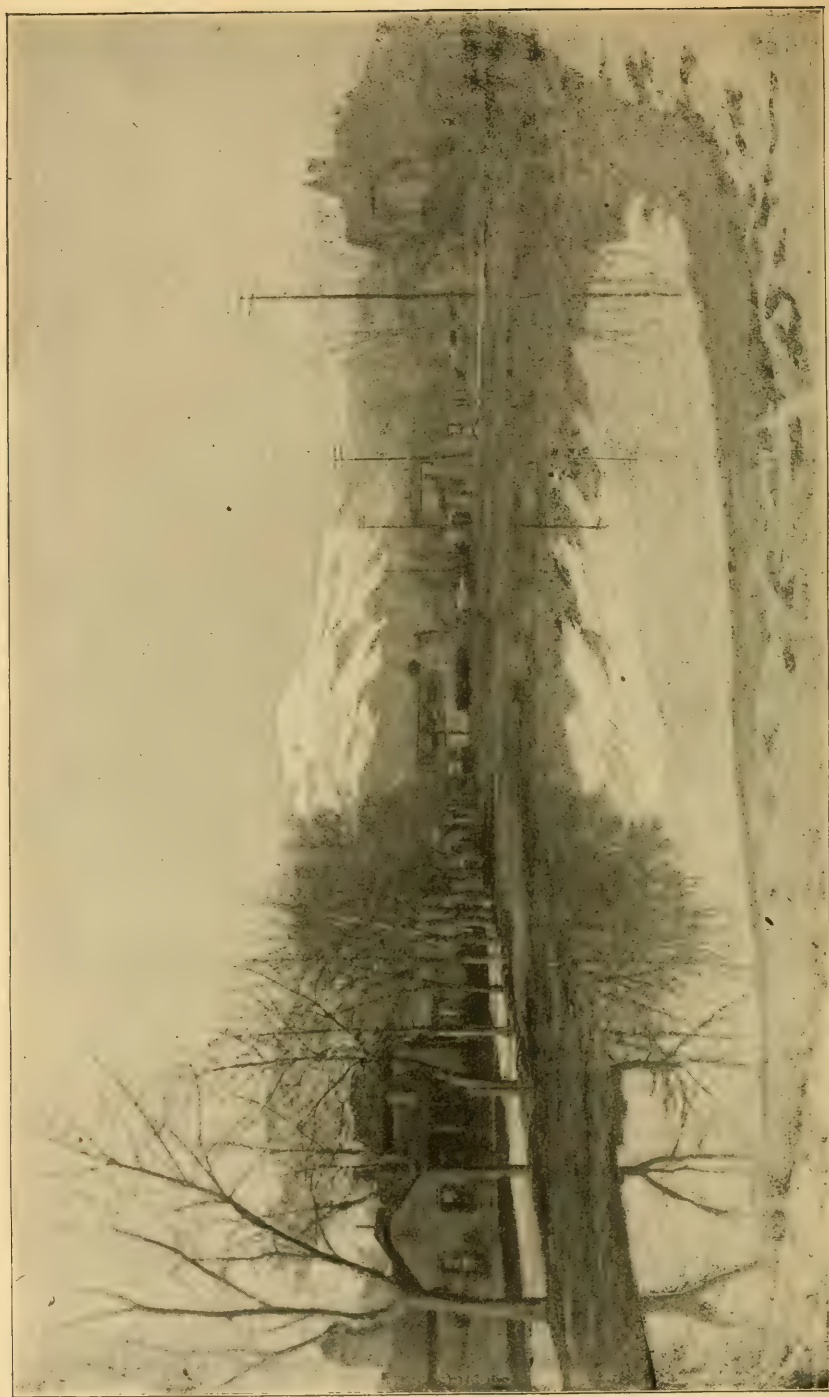
"I suppose we ministers are all more or less ambitious with an ambition more or less godly. I confess that my ambition has been, not to *take*, but to *make* good places ; not to take large churches, but to enlarge small ones. And years ago I had an ambition to organize a church, to see it born and grow and become strong, and that ambition has been, to some extent, gratified. Over there in southern Vermont, when this century was young, an old Revolutionary soldier, my great-grandfather, stood one day in his door. Some passers-by stopped to admire a magnificent elm across the street, seven feet in diameter and over twenty feet around. The man said to them in words my mother put into rhyme years ago :

" 'Why gaze ye so,' said the aged man,  
'Upon that stately tree ?  
When I was young I carried it  
And with it other three.'

"There are aged men here to-day whose hearts swell with honest pride when they hear spoken the praises of churches and colleges which they, when young, carried in their hearts and hands. When I get to be an old man—say in about forty years—and visit Colorado Springs and see a church of 500 or 1,000 members I shall be able to say, with perhaps a pardonable pride, that when I was young I carried that church, and with it two or three others ; one at least in Denver, and one in that most charming spot, Manitou, which honors itself and honors Saratoga, too, by calling itself 'the Saratoga of the West,' as it truly is.

"I think I shall lose no reputation that I may have for under-statement, when I say with emphasis that it is a grand and blessed and glorious work to have a hand in laying the foundation of a Christian empire. I am glad that there are ministers self-sacrificing enough to stay and preach for the wealthy Eastern churches, and raise money for the West, but we don't all have to do it. I am glad that I ever had a call to a little church out under the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, so far away that it could not hear me preach before calling me."

A part of the work which the acting-superintendent had to do was to help inaugurate the work on the plains in Eastern Colorado. The churches on the plains thus far had been close to the mountains, or



COLORADO SPRINGS IN 1894—AFTER AN APRIL SHOWER

within sight of them. But about 1885-86 the great wave of immigration that had been filling up the western portions of Kansas and Nebraska leaped over the State line and boldly invaded the arid plains of Eastern Colorado, where it had been supposed that nothing could be raised without irrigation, and where there was little or no water to irrigate with. This was a part of the region that had been known for a long time as "the Great American Desert." In a geography in the writer's possession, printed in 1866, though prepared in 1855, that "desert" is represented as covering nearly the whole of the eastern half of Colorado, all of the territory east of the mountains except the northeast corner. In successive geographies the desert kept shrinking in size until it finally disappeared entirely.

Of course the immigration into that region was greatly stimulated by real estate men, by the locaters of town sites, and by the railroads that were pushing across that vast unoccupied region to reach Denver and the mountains. Much was said about the gradual westward movement of the rain-belt, and a few wet seasons seemed to justify what was said, but accurate observations of the rainfall over a term of years did not prove the theory. Some good crops of corn, however, were raised on the virgin soil without irrigation. A great many of those who took up claims did so with the intention of selling them. The future of that region was very problematical. But there were people there; towns were actually being built, and they must have churches. Town interests and the real needs of the people combined to demand them. There were two towns over a hundred miles east of Denver in which the writer became especially interested and for which he helped to secure a minister and organize churches. On his first trip to explore the field he saw thousands of dead cattle that had perished on the plains in a terrible blizzard a few weeks before. The two towns were only a few miles apart. In riding from one to the other one Sunday in summer time he saw in the front and on the right and left great lakes of water, on whose banks the little cabins of the settlers rose as stately palaces. It was a mirage, such as is common on the plains in summer. At a certain time of the year he used to see such a lake regularly, day after day, from his home in Colorado Springs. The water was only a mockery of that region, for ordinarily there was no water anywhere near those towns. All the water used in the town, and by the settlers and their cows and horses for miles around, had to be carried from the great tank at the depot which was kept filled by the railroad company, who brought it a long distance in tanks on the cars. To go to town for a load of water was a regular part of the settler's work. A well was being dug at Otis when the writer visited the place, and a few weeks later he received a card from the pastor there, on one side of which was printed in large letters,



“WATER! WATER!! WATER!!!

“Hurrah for Otis! Plenty of clear sparkling water struck at a depth of 207 feet at ten o'clock to-day, June 16th. The only drawback to this



COLORADO SPRINGS IN 1878

God-given country overcome! Particulars to-morrow.” On the other side of the card the pastor wrote: “The water question is settled. The people are jubilant, and we want to push church matters and take the tide at its flood.”

The tide of water was two hundred and seven feet under ground, but



the tide of real-estate excitement and of town-lot speculation was above ground. Evidently it was not the place for a Baptist church, and the Baptists somehow did not cultivate that field. But churches were started at Otis and Hyde and are now doing well. It was not thought best, however, to put much money into church buildings, as the permanent settlement of the country by any considerable population seemed a problem which only the future could solve. Quite a number of churches have since been started in other places on the plains, and there is no doubt in the writer's mind but that that region will all be thickly settled some day. Providence seemed to keep that great strip of land back from the greedy landseeker for a time and for some good reason. It is part of man's work, however, to subdue the desert and make it blossom as the rose. The planting of trees, the raising of crops, the breaking-up of the soil, the building of vast reservoirs for holding water, the discovery and raising of cereals adapted to a dry climate—these things will all help to populate those plains. Moreover, the Almighty if he sees fit can very easily turn the air currents so as to shed abundance of rain on that region.

In 1806 Lieutenant Pike explored that region and prophesied that only the borders of the Mississippi and the Missouri would ever be settled by whites, while the great prairies incapable of cultivation, would be left to the wandering and uncivilized aborigines. In 1835 Washington Irving wrote that the great plains of the Far West would probably be inhabited in the future by a hybrid race made up of Indians and of fugitives from justice. To one who has helped plant churches on "the Great American Desert" those prophecies are interesting reading, and such a one will not scoff at any prophecy for the future that seems to go to the opposite extreme.

Julesburg, in Northeastern Colorado, is another place where a church was planted. In early pioneer days it had been the scene of such horrid frontier barbarities as make the blood run cold. One man, a white, not an Indian, got another man, his enemy, in his power. He had him tied to a post in his corral and then amused himself a long time by shooting at different parts of his body, taking care not to hit a vital part, and thus killed him inch by inch. Those things were for a few brief years only. Now churches and schools flourish there, and will for centuries to come.

Said the writer in one of his home missionary sermons: "There are limits to the ascendancy of extreme wickedness in frontier towns. The worst characters kill each other and kill themselves off rapidly. The righteous outlive the wicked, two to one, and righteousness will outlive wickedness in any community in our land. You may take any new town or territory in this New West, and I care not how gross and defiant may be its wickedness at first, nor how vice may flaunt itself in broad daylight, nor how much the laws of God and of man are trampled under foot, nor

how much Ingersollism there is ; I care not how weak may be the hands of the first Christian workers, nor how feeble their knees ; such is the persistent staying power of that force in the world which makes for righteousness, such is the evangelizing, transforming power of Christ's Gospel, that I know and am sure that by and by that community will be a Christian community, and sometime it may be a very ' saint's rest.'

" The frontier in our country, ever since it crossed the Hudson, and even before, has been except in spots a wicked frontier. As a rule, organized Christianity has always been weak on the frontier ; but behind its weakness there has been an organized Christian power in the land that has all along been strengthening the weak hands and confirming the feeble knees of frontier Christianity. It has given the fresh young blood of its own churches ; it has given regiments and brigades of Christian ministers ; it has poured out millions of money ; its clarion voice has ever been saying : ' Be strong, fear not ; your God will come and save you.'

" And so across the continent and along the path of empire has been built, though not yet finished, a highway of holiness for the coming of the King. There remains much to be done ; there is much land yet to be possessed. And just as fast as the weak churches become strong—yea, while they are yet weak, and as a means of becoming strong, they should begin to give and pray in order to strengthen the weak hands beyond, and confirm the knees that are feebler than theirs."



## A SUPERINTENDENT'S VACATION

BY REV. T. K. HARRISON, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

My vacation has been taken in almost constant traveling over the field, visiting the outside points before the rains begin. I have been home only two or three times during the last two months, and then only for a day at a time. We have divided up our work in Sierra County, putting in a young man from the seminary as an assistant to brother Wallace. The people are to "board him 'round" *a la* "Hoosier Schoolmaster," and give him \$200 a year. One man is going to feed his horse ; another will do his blacksmithing and wagon repairing ; and one old lady has asked the privilege of doing his laundry work. He will preach at Beckwith, Mohawk Valley, Summit, and Claire. Heretofore we have had but one man for the whole valley, with eight or nine preaching stations. We have also sent a valuable helper to Mr. Cole in Trinity County. Mr. Cole has occupied his vast field (being the only Protestant preacher in the whole county) with much ability, but with far too much work.

A young man with a somewhat striking history came to me some time ago desiring work. He is a student from the Edinburgh University, with good mental fitting, but had drifted away morally and spiritually from his moorings. Coming to this country he was converted in the Salvation Army, and worked faithfully with them, but later joined our Congregational church in San Rafael, where he worked with so much earnestness that the pastor recommended him for missionary work. Our Committee approbated him for lay preaching, and we sent him to Trinity County. He goes at his own expense, trusting the Lord to provide for him. Already come excellent reports of him and his work.

I have been privileged to see the work of the Lord in softening hard hearts in quite a remarkable manner this month. Up in Butte County is a town that has had a hard reputation for the last forty years. We have sent missionary after missionary there, many of them among our most consecrated workers, but they have been repulsed and driven out time and time again. Repeated threats have been made that no church would ever be allowed there, and if it did get built, it should be burnt down at once.

But who can withstand the Spirit of the Lord? When the time came he opened the hearts of the people to his Word. Our missionary, Rev. A. S. Parsons, of Butte County, was the instrument used. Under his tireless hand a church has been built, he doing almost all the work himself, and two weeks ago we dedicated it to the service of God, in the presence of a large number of attentive and reverent worshippers. One man was converted and several rose for prayers at the service.

It has also been my privilege to pay a visit through a vast churchless region in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. Mr. Parsons drove me over the mountains—a little the worst mountain trip I ever took. At times we had to cut down and tie trees to the back of our wagon to let the conveyance safely down some especially dangerous grade, and part of the time I had to add my weight to the tree. We used up Mr. Parsons' horse, and I had to leave him to come back more slowly than my time would allow me to travel. But we viewed the land over. Here is a vast region, off from the line of the railroad, but all of it settled, with eight or ten towns unreached by any religious services. My thought is to have Mr. Parsons take up this virgin work, removing him from Butte County.

I wonder if you have any idea of the planning and rearranging I have to do in order to meet our growing necessities on our decreasing receipts! I often tell my wife, with sincere admiration, that I verily believe she could so cut an outgrown suit of clothes for our boy as to make it fit him beautifully for another year. I think I am learning of her. I have walked again and again rather than ride, and have camped out under the

trees to save hotel charges. Sometimes I fear that in the financial stress we may lose sight of the fact that our Society's name has the word "Missionary" in it, and that the cries of lost souls may not sound as loud as do the cries of hard times. As I have gone over these fields and seen the lost, undone condition of men, women, and children, I find myself weeping at my inability to help them.



## HARD TIMES IN THE NORTHWEST

IT has been with us a time of hardship and self-denial. Many times we have been in need of the necessities of life. For myself I do not care, but I cannot see my wife and little child suffer. You know what that means without my saying more. Bread and water two or three times a day is not a very nourishing diet ; yet we are glad to get even that, and accept it with thankful hearts. Before another year passes, that may be a luxury. Early in the season the grain crop was looking finely. It never had looked better here and our farmers were in high spirits. But a few days later a hot, burning wind arose and burnt all, so that it will not even pay to cut it. People are much disheartened, and what the end will be I do not know. But I know this : if something doesn't come this fall in the way of relief there will be much suffering here this coming winter. Hard as our experience has been, however, we would gladly go through it again if we could in any way be the means of doing some good and of extending the cause of our God. Within the year five Sunday-schools have been organized, four of which I took an active part in starting, the fifth one being formed by one of our young women. Some of these schools are doing excellent work ; also, one church, and another community is taking steps to organize a second. Some outside places have been visited and work started in them. One of these is a very beautiful and romantic place, numbering about fifty souls who have been living there from eight to fifteen years and never heard a sermon until we came to them. We found them responsive and very anxious to have the Gospel. One young woman came fifteen miles on horseback to hear me, but she preached to me a sermon fifteen miles long and went home with a smiling face and a happy heart. This place would be ripe for a church organization in a very little while. I have found several places that we could enter and where they would like to have us come ; but I now have all that I can attend to. There is enough work here for three good men, and we hope the day is not far off when the money will be on hand to send them.—  
*Washington.*



## REPORTS OF SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INTEREST

REVIVAL MEETINGS.—We have held a series of revival services which resulted in fourteen hopeful conversions and the spiritual quickening of the church in every department. We received those who professed conversion at our last communion, and have had occasional conversions since. I have also aided in special services at the Second Church, where were gathered twenty-four souls for Christ's Kingdom. Then followed services in the church at S., resulting in the conversion of fifty men and women, three of whom were more than seventy years of age. I have also preached at intervals to our two neighboring pastorless churches, besides laboring in Christian unity with my ministerial brethren of various denominations round about. To us all it has been truly a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.—*Pennsylvania*.

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AFTER SOULS.—This has been with me one of the busiest of quarters, inasmuch as I have had so much outside work to do in the way of holding meetings with neighboring brethren. One of two weeks with Brother R. brought in six or eight. Two weeks more of special services at O. resulted in twelve hopeful conversions, some of them very bright. Of these, nine have united with the church. I have another point in view, a thickly settled part of the country about twenty miles west of us, where I expect to organize a church that can be cared for without an extra outlay of missionary funds. That community has no church privileges whatever, and I feel it my duty to give them the Gospel if it is in my power.—*Oklahoma*.

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REVIVAL WORK.—We have held a series of revival meetings lasting nearly eight weeks, the result of which was nineteen conversions and seventeen reclaimed, for which we give God the glory. Eleven have joined the church, and there are more to follow. The Lord has prospered the work in church and Sunday-school wonderfully.—*Kansas*.

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SPIRITUALLY QUICKENED.—We have just closed a series of revival meetings and have taken in six members, with more to come in later. The converts are fewer than I hoped. A smallpox scare coming at the time of the meetings, kept the attendance down and disturbed the interest. The church membership has been greatly blessed with spiritual life.—*Missouri*.

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TWENTY-FIVE ADDITIONS.—We receive about twenty-five into the church next Sunday. There were about seventy-five cards signed during

our revival meetings, but the number of hopeful conversions is indefinite. The church was revived and the result is good in that respect.—*Minnesota.*

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FIFTEEN RECEIVED.—I have this quarter received fifteen persons to the church, eleven of them on confession, and the remainder returning backsliders. This is the result of stated preaching, with no extra efforts.—*Pennsylvania.*

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“LED BY THEIR CHILDREN.”—Two young men and their wives lately presented themselves for membership. They were led to the step by their children. I visited, talked, and prayed with them, and they brought their little ones to church for baptism, and were themselves baptized and received. The Scripture was fulfilled—“A little child shall lead them.” Two of our young men, sons of good fathers and mothers, have witnessed for the Master and united with our church. The work was all personal and has been done quietly, but I think it is none the less effective and permanent. There are many others in our congregation who are on the same road, and who are to be reached in the same way, by speaking the opportune word at the opportune time.—*Kansas.*

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### “AS WE HAVE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY”

PERHAPS some of the workers at the front in missionary fields may like to know how one little mission church in a New England country district remembered them and tried to help last year. Money was not plenty, but energy and interest were abundant. What was needed was a start; so one Sunday in May the pastor brought out some nickels and offered one to every man, woman, and child, who would use one apiece as capital to invest in some profitable way for missionary work. The returns were to be made at Thanksgiving season, and each person was to report how his nickel was used and could say to what missionary organization he wanted his money to go.

In a few days thirty-two “talents” had been given out. Along with this plan were put six dollars which had just been received from the sale of potatoes raised the year before on a weak, stony bit of land called “the missionary lot.” The various gatherings, or “bees,” however, for the cultivation of this land had aroused considerable missionary interest.

These methods did not seem to be sufficient, and one Sabbath the pastor (plucking up courage) made a public offer from the pulpit to the young men that if they would come to the parsonage some evening after

their other work was done, and saw up four cords of hard, tough, dry wood, he would put into the fund in their name a sum equal to what the work was worth. One evening, not long after, the young men began to gather with bucksaws and sawhorses, and soon, by the light of lanterns which had been hung up, seven bucksaws were seen moving at a lively pace. Somehow the young ladies had got news of the event and were present in force to pile up the wood and cheer on those at the saws. (Sorry not to have a flash-light picture of this.) The wood proved a little too tough to finish sawing in one evening, but when the time was up the good mother in the house called them all in to enjoy coffee and cake. After a half-hour's singing the young people went home, tired but happy. The job was finished in due time, and four dollars and seventy-five cents were added to the fund.

Several times during the summer and fall public inquiry was made as to the fate of the nickels, and the Sunday-school superintendent hinted that they would have to hustle if they got ahead of him when the day of reckoning came. Finally the day of reckoning did come, and the Thanksgiving week prayer-meeting was given up to hear the reports upon the "talents." At the regular hour for the meeting, three times the usual number of persons had come in. The ingenuity of the people had been taxed, and one after another had to bring in his or her money and tell how it was gained. One had bought material and made catchup and sold it; another, picture frames; another, candy; another, cookies; and so on. Two little boys had bought corn, popped it, and sold it at five-fold increase. Some had worked all summer, while others had barely escaped bringing their nickel back in a napkin. The pastor confessed to one failure on melons, but saved himself by buying an egg with the rest of the nickel and raising a lusty chicken. One girl—who does not find it easy to take part in prayer-meeting, but knows how to work and once flew out of the house like the wind and stopped a pair of horses which were running away and dragging her father along the ground—said that she made her money on raising beans. We learned that she had found a piece of ground near the house, which her father had plowed, and captured it without any questions. The pastor asked: "Did you plant the beans?" "Yes, sir." "Did you hoe them?" "Yes, sir." "Did you pull them?" "Yes." "Did you thrash them?" "Yes, sir." The audience expressed approval with a hearty laugh. Some who were not natural traders earned money and handed it in along with their nickels, and a few gifts were made by others.

At length the superintendent was reminded that "the day of reckoning had come" for him. We learned that he had bought some sweet corn with his money and had planted and cared for it. The largest single return up to this point had been a dollar and fifty-five cents. Gravely

rising, the superintendent said : " I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed ; and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth : lo, there thou hast that is thine : three dollars and thirty cents."

The amount gathered by the nickels was twenty dollars and fifty-two cents. The Woman's Association, which had done much in other lines, added its offering, and we found that from all sources we had thirty-nine dollars, which we divided among five of our leading missionary organizations.

WHITE OAKS.



## NOTES BY THE WAY

BY MRS. H. M. UNION

### ONE WOMAN

I HEARD of her while in Texas as doing a remarkable work at Pine Valley, and that her husband, her cordial helper, though not a church member, had offered to pay one-half of the salary if a preacher might be sent there. Curious to hear directly from this brave New England woman in Texas, I wrote for information. As her letter takes us into a phase of life not familiar to many, I will share parts of it with the readers of *The Home Missionary*.

PINE VALLEY, TEXAS, *August 8, 1896.*

MY DEAR MRS. UNION :—I am glad to comply with your request as best I can. I fear, however, that you will regret having opened the gates to so long a story—a story that must savor so strongly of egotism as mine if I give you any idea of what we are trying to do. I am taking it for granted that you are a long-suffering woman, you see. In the first place, I am a full-blooded Yankee—a lineal descendant of Peregrine White, of *Mayflower* fame. My life has been spent in three States that differ as widely as any that could be selected, in manners, customs, and climate. New Hampshire, Iowa, and Texas have each been my home. New Hampshire was my childhood's home ; Iowa was the home of my early married life and the native State of six of my seven babies ; and for nearly fourteen years I have been in the piny woods of East Texas. I feel very strongly the impress of the surroundings of my earlier years, and I believe I can see how, in many ways, my early life was a training for what awaited me later. The strict Puritanic training impels to work always, I believe.

We came to Texas because there were four boys that must be trained up to earn their own living, and the northern home was already so fully



occupied as to leave no choice of business to anyone. We are lumber manufacturers. We came first to Trinity County, forty miles north of our present location, and were part of a company made up of Iowa men. We saw many hard times in those years. The great change of climate and of food, scarcity of good help, hostility of the people to "Yankees," the absence from home of my husband, combined to make it a terrible time to recall. For eleven months after our arrival *not one white woman* crossed my threshold, except a sister that was there a few months and another Yankee that moved south with us. The native population of the vicinity was largely composed of the descendants of criminals from the older Southern States. Not one tree had been cut down from our possessions (40,000 acres) when my husband went there. We lived there nine years, and left a town of 1,200 people.

We severed our connection with the Lumber Company and came here to start anew. The boys were nearly grown up, and we could carry on a business alone more satisfactorily. We found this a much pleasanter location. We began again in the unbroken forest. We had two sons able to count as men, and a third, with myself, did the store work. All saw-mills run a supply store. With this boy of twelve years I bought and handled \$25,000 worth of goods that first year. As our settlement grew we employed clerks, and I became the cashier, time-keeper, and buyer. I worked in that way three years, then a man came along who wanted my housekeeper, and for sake of her took my job also. The other daughter was married before we came here. We live all close together, and "L. T. S. and Sons" means Mr. and Mrs. S., two sons and two sons-in-law. We have four grandchildren. So much for our history—perhaps too much.

The second summer we built a schoolhouse. The day after the shavings were swept out we organized a Sunday-school. A Baptist minister came here to preach and helped us organize. To my great surprise he recommended a Congregational Sunday-school. He argued that if it was a union school it would be "nobody's child" and a constant source of annoyance. He vouched for me that my doctrine and belief would not be dangerous, and they assented. It has proved a wise move.

We had occasional preaching, all very poor, but we insisted on retaining possession of the Sunday-school hour, not always easily done. For a while we had a man for superintendent, but he was so entirely inefficient that, if truth were known, I invited him to withdraw. I then said that I wanted to try it myself. I promised but one qualification, and that was that I should always be present. It is not *pleasant* to have to send to the ball-ground for your superintendent, as I have often done. This will seem a high-handed performance to you, but the relation of employer

and employee is just that of the English landlord and tenant. They expect direction to the point of dictation, and so long as you are honest and consistent, and at all wise in your leadership, they will follow you blindly and willingly. You may doubt this, but experience proves it to be true all over the South.

The Southern prejudice against "female workers" is very strong. My work in the office (I am also postmistress) brought me into contact with the entire population not only of our own village but of this end of the county, and being naturally of a sociable disposition I soon made friends. The people are of a better class than some, and the mill was accepted as a blessing. Mr. S. has done a good deal for them by way of advice and assistance in county affairs, notably road and school work. These things taught them gradually that a woman could work in a public position and still remain a lady, and all that paved the way for a greater influence over them religiously.

After carrying on a Sunday-school for a year we felt greatly the need of other services. Our village numbered eighty dwellings, fifty of them occupied by white families, and many single men (we employ 175 men), and our population is entirely of our employees.

We began a "praise service." We bought a ninety-five-dollar Estey organ the first winter, and as all my family sing and three are organists we can always have good music. This service consisted of the reading of a chapter, a prayer by one of those present, and then singing the rest of the hour, the audience selecting the tunes. It was not very satisfactory, but served as a *wedge* to better things.

I then began reading sermons, and gradually the whole service fell into my hands. While by no means an elocutionist, I had careful training in reading in girlhood, and it is easy for me to read clearly, having also a penetrating voice that requires no effort to fill a large room. How thankful I have been for these blessings that to all appearance had lain idle for thirty years at least! I read first "Moorehouse's Bible Readings on Ruth," then Moody, Spurgeon, Phillips Brooks, and to my surprise nothing was received more cordially than "Canon Farrar's Sermons on the Lord's Prayer." I continued this reading, always having a night service with occasional preaching, for a year.

Then a Congregational minister visited us and wanted to organize a church. I could not consent. It meant then a feeble, struggling church the weight of which would have fallen on my inexperienced shoulders, and I was not willing to shoulder it. The situation is peculiar. As a business firm, we are doing business in a very different way from the common customs of this crop-mortgaged, mortgage-cursed country. As Christian workers, we have carried on the Sunday-school and other work in a different way from the customary one, and we are being watched by

a large circuit of people. If I had belonged to a denomination already well established in the State I should not have objected, but I could not assist in beginning a Congregational church under such doubtful circumstances. If it failed it meant denominational failure in all this section, and that was not wise.

In March, 1895, we organized a Christian Endeavor Society as a compromise. It is a union society, and all the working material in the village joined cordially in its organization. Once a month a Baptist man comes and preaches, but on all other times we make the Christian Endeavorers supply the night service. Though our number is less than forty, our audience is one hundred. We supplement the usual prayer-meeting by reading comments on the Sunday-school or Christian Endeavor topic, always closely allied, or I talk to them ten or fifteen minutes on that topic. I have been invariably well received and believe I have the respect and affection of all our people. They surely cordially coöperate with me in all I ask. We have also a Junior Christian Endeavor Society of thirty, that is the pride of my heart. Since June, 1895, I have been Superintendent of Galveston District. My territory embraces 25,000 square miles—twenty-two counties. We began 1895 with twenty-four societies and closed the Endeavor year in June with forty-eight, a gain of one hundred per cent., thereby making this "the banner district" of Texas. The Lord has very signally blessed my work in many ways and my own development has been greatly helped by the work.

There is no Congregational church nearer than eighteen miles, and only seventeen in the State, some of them without pastors. I am very lonesome, and often wonder why I was selected to be a denominational object lesson for East Texas. I am very anxious about the outlook. Six months ago the way to a church and definite work seemed open. Now, because of the hard times, we expect to have to shut down our mill. We cannot sell the five and a half millions of lumber on hand now. Shutting-down means keeping perhaps twenty men to ship out this stuff, and scattering the 150 others that we seem to have had a hold upon. When, in six months or so, we get ready to saw again, a new crew will have to be trained up, and it is slow work, but it may mean the "scattering of precious seed" into unknown corners. So far as Sunday services go we are doing fairly well, but we need a resident pastor and his wife. People in this country are "preached at" too much, no pastoral work being done.

This is a long story, and I fear you will not ask another woman what she is doing. I wish you could step into our Endeavor meeting to-morrow. It is my turn to lead, and I have prepared texts and other matter to stir up the temperance question thoroughly. Nine of my family are Endeavorers, and we have some good, faithful, earnest souls in our little village. *What Congregationalists in Texas need is recognition.* Now

Texas is moving forward rapidly, and some day the older States will be proud of her acquaintance.

Yours, constantly endeavoring,  
S. M. S.



### SCRAPS FROM REPORTS

IN THE CYCLONE'S SWEEP.—We have been in the field of cyclonic power. Early in the quarter a fearful storm swept through our entire parish, destroying houses, barns, and some lives, among them two children whose parents were members of our church. Some of our people are still sufferers in body from injuries received at that time, and others in a later storm. The church was swept from its foundation. Steps are now being taken to place it back ; but harvesting and winter, so close at hand, I fear may prevent. The loss in personal property was very considerable, and nearly every one feels like saying, Let us care for home first ; then do what we can for the church. Still, dear fellow-workers, there are many bright spots, chiefly this : It is a joy to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ ; to be the herald of a full salvation in him.—*South Dakota.*

A NEW LOT IN A NEW SODOM.—If I may judge by what I see and hear, this is the wickedest community I ever became a member of. In our town of six hundred we have twenty-eight heads of families who are ex-saloon-keepers. Twice since we came here our basket collections have been stolen during the brief interim between the benediction and the opening of the Sunday-school. Great indeed is the need of faithful gospel work. The beautiful lives of a few Christians in the midst of all this is a source of much consolation. It not only rests my soul when I turn from the deplorable wickedness about me, but it fortifies my faith and inspires me to a greater effort in their behalf for the Lord's sake.—*South Dakota.*

POOR AND NEGLECTED.—This quarter we have visited many homes of poor and neglected people. In a number of instances we have been told that I was the first minister that had ever called. This was said in one case by a father of grown-up children. In another case we were told that I was the first minister to call in fourteen years ; in yet another, that we were the second to call within a period of seventeen years. (And this was in the State of *Ohio.*)

GRATEFUL FOR HELP.—We thoroughly appreciate the help of the Society. The Gospel is preached here regularly to a large number of people who would be deprived of the means of grace without its help.



It is a hard field. I preach three times every Sunday, once in Welsh and twice in English. The evening meetings come close upon each other, one at 6 P.M., the other at 7.30 P.M. I have hardly time to breathe between them. Then there are, besides, four meetings each week to attend. But I am not discouraged, so long as I know that foundations are being laid for a good self-sustaining work.—*Pennsylvania*.

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THREE FRUITFUL YEARS.—Our new church, finished and dedicated May 31st, is a fine building consisting of auditorium and four rooms, all finished and carpeted in good taste. We have just organized a church Sunday-school, and are beginning to furnish our reading-room, which is to be kept open all the time. I hope to slip out to a new settlement on the railroad, where there appears to be a good opening for a church. Three years' work has given us three good working churches in south center of our State, and it may be we can keep up the annual record.—*Missouri*.

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"SPEAKIN' IN MEET'N'."—Our prayer-meetings are favored in the matter of attendance; but when it comes to "speakin' in meet'n'," the sisters, and especially the brethren, are altogether too quiet and still. When I urge upon their attention the privilege and joy of participating by spoken words, they all claim that they are "nervous and very much afraid to take part." I notice, however, that when some item of business is introduced the "nervousness" and fear promptly leave them, and they become quite voluble!—*Oregon*.

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AGAINST WIND AND SAND.—We have had to encounter the prairie winds and blinding sandstorms for a longer period than usual; but we have tried to keep our eyes closed to these things and open towards Christ. We remember it was when Peter "saw the wind boisterous" that he began to sink. In addition to regular home work, I have visited eight churches for the purpose of giving missionary lectures. These met a need, were appreciated, and will bear some fruit.—*Kansas*.

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THE BUSY BEES.—The little girls of our Sunday-school are organized into a circle called the "Busy Bees." To each one is given a small blank book on the first page of which is set forth the object of the Society. Each child seeks subscribers at one cent a week. So far, in a little over two months, they have collected five dollars. The little girls have met once a month for a social time. Now they will meet oftener and work upon a quilt. In its center a picture of the church is etched, with the names of the Busy Bees around it. On the remainder of the quilt will be etched the names of all those friends who are willing to pay five cents for the

work. By this piece of work alone we hope to raise from ten to twenty dollars more for Home Missions, for which cause the Busy Bees collect and work exclusively.—*South Dakota*.

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A FRESH ATTRACTION.—At an out-station in a sparsely settled farming community I preach every Sunday afternoon and a Sunday-school is maintained. Last Sunday, although it was a day of extremely oppressive heat, we had a larger audience than usual. There may be some doubt whether we should attribute this to the increasing popularity of the minister, or to the fact that one of our bachelor Sunday-school teachers brought his bride to church for the first time. As she seems to be an earnest Christian woman, we hope for some permanent help. When our numbers are so few, even one is an important acquisition.—*South Dakota*.

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### SUNDAY BASE-BALL CLUBS

WE have received one good member, the head of a family, the daughter of Jewish parents, whose mother so opposed her for standing up for Jesus last winter in our revival and renouncing the religion of her parents. But neither threat nor coaxing could keep her from joining our church. Her face actually shines in the prayer-meeting. Praise the Lord for the salvation of such a shining soul!

We are opposed in our church work by the Sunday base-ball club, of which there are several in our county. As I go to my afternoon appointment I pass the Sunday base-ball grounds, where all the vagabond Indians and whites gather in defiance of God's law and statutes. To our sorrow we notice women among the crowd of spectators, thus abetting the crime while standing in the way of transgressors.

The field is large, as I try to supply six stations besides our regular church out-stations, where the people must hear the Gospel from us or not at all.—*Northern California*.

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### THAT SILVER CIRCLE

ITS members pass in the contents of their dime banks so quietly that we do not realize the number of five-dollar bills that have been added to the treasury of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. Upon consulting the records of the Circle, we discover that the returns thus far from 1,200 banks, costing sixty dollars, have been \$6,000. Not a bad investment of sixty dollars!

Moreover, these 60,000 dimes in many cases represent prayerful sacrifice, and are doubly precious. Let this report inspire those who have not yet made any return from their banks to increased effort, that the silver stream may continue to flow into the treasury.

In answer to the question, "What shall I do with my empty bank after having forwarded the contents?" we suggest that you fill it again! Why not?



## THE RESPONSIBLE PARTNERS

BY EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER

"SOMETHING must be done, ladies," said the president, firmly, though her voice trembled a little; "we have put this matter off from month to month, and we are simply making our work harder by giving ourselves so much less time. Of course we all intend to do our part toward raising the missionary money—" The tremble became a quaver as the good lady settled her glasses that seemed likely to slide down her nose, and folded the leaflet in her hand into fine creases. She bent a reproachful look upon Mrs. Jeremiah Davis, who sewed in serene silence without lifting her eyes from her work. Mrs. Jeremiah Davis was the member who could usually be depended upon to voice the sentiments of the society; and the timid ones who had not quite made up their minds, as well as the bewildered ones who had been sure they held an opposite opinion, generally fell into line, and were entirely unanimous when they found themselves swept into the current of her smooth, authoritative speech. Somebody always must lead, and even great minds have found the relief of letting others make their decisions for them.

"Last year," said the president, taking up the thread of her discourse after a little silence, "we raised, as you know, one hundred dollars less than the year before; and this year, unless we make some special effort, we shall fall still further behind——"

"Behind what, Madame President?" asked Mrs. Jeremiah Davis, in that smooth, gracious, courteous manner which the ladies all recognized as her most dangerous weapon. "Mis' Jeremiah's on the war path," whispered Sally Atwell, as she borrowed the scissors of her next neighbor.

"Behind our usual amount," replied the president; "the amount the Society counts upon us to raise."

"I don't see why the Society should consider us under obligations for any special amount," said Mrs. Davis; "we intend to do what we can, but we make no pledges. I had that point in mind when I opposed our

binding ourselves for special work ; though, of course, even in that case it is understood that we only agree to do it if we can."

"And no one could have foreseen this dreadful financial depression," echoed Mrs. Doubleday.

"No," said the president, who began to rise to the occasion ; "no one could have foreseen it, and certainly not the officers of the Society, who were compelled to plan their work and assume financial responsibility beforehand in utter ignorance of what the year might bring forth."

"And if they make mistakes of judgment, no matter how innocently, and assume responsibilities they cannot meet, we certainly are not to blame," said Mrs. Jeremiah, folding her hands and looking across the room as if she had the officers of the Society arraigned for trial.

"But we want to help them out," said Miss Morris, timidly.

"Certainly, we want to, and we will do what we can ; but some people talk as if it was our debt and our responsibility."

"Seems to me that is just what it is, ladies," said the president. "The Lord has set his church to do certain work for him in this world. We have no other business but to spread the knowledge of his Gospel and help people to live by its principles. The missionary society is one of the organizations for doing that, and its officers are our representatives that we have put there to manage a certain part of our business for us. We are not outsiders, giving our money to charity. We are responsible partners, and a part of our duty is to furnish the money. If we have failed to do that it is we that are in debt, and not the officers who administer our business. When we talk vaguely about the debt of the National Society and the deficiency in the missionary treasury, we lose sight of our personal responsibility in the matter, and act as if we might honorably throw the burden of our debts upon others, or leave those who trusted us to suffer."

"The Society certainly takes the responsibility of planning the work, sister Bryce," said Mrs. Merritt, "and they ought to go cautiously."

"Yes, they plan our work for us ; that is part of the duty we have assigned them. They try to expend in the wisest manner the money we furnish them. After they have made their plans, if we fail to provide the money we promised, who is to blame ? Here is a stock company that employs certain men to plan and carry out improvements for it. But after the work is projected and entered upon, the partners do not furnish the money. One decides he needs all his capital in his business, and another thinks his money will bring more in some other investment, and another just neglects it or loses interest in it. What can the managers do ? Abandon the work already done at the risk of great loss, or go on in the hope that the responsible partners will surely come to the rescue of their own interests ? Ladies, do let us try to make this a personal matter, and take our share of responsibility."



"Our share wouldn't help much, with such a debt already on hand," said Mrs. Field, despondently. "I declare, when a dollar is so much to me and so little toward the grand total, I feel like keeping the dollar where I know it'll count."

"I s'pose it's our doing that that makes the whole trouble," said little Miss Morris. "You know how it was the time we planned the surprise party for Jennie Allerton. When it turned out such a bad night everybody thought, 'Oh, well, they won't miss me in such a crowd, and I'll stay at home,' and so not a soul went but Malviny Dyer and me. It was the most surprisin' party."

"That is exactly the way," said the president, a good deal relieved by the laughter that seemed to have cleared the air. "All the falling-off in the receipts comes in dollars and half-dollars kept out by good people who say, 'My small gift cannot matter.' And the whole deficiency might be made up in the same way, by dollars and half-dollars and dimes, if we would all take hold together to help."

"Well, I'm ready to take hold," said Sally Atwell, energetically, "though I donno how in creation I'm going to git the money, 'nless I git up a minstrel show, the way them fash'nable young wimmin down to the city did."

"They say those girls got more'n a thousand dollars," remarked Grandma Cook. "All the folks crowded in to see 'em dance and sing. Of course you couldn't tell who was who when they were blacked up, but I should ha' thought their mothers would ha' hated to have 'em do it. Most of 'em think it's dreadful indelicate for women to lecture or talk in public, or even speak in meetin'. I donno just what St. Paul would ha' said 'bout minstrels."

"Well, I've heard of some things worse than minstrels," said Miss Morris, "and that was a 'Beauty Show,' like they had in the Midway—a lot of girls painted and dressed up for beauties of all nations, and the folks paying to come in and vote who was the prettiest. I wouldn't have believed it myself, but it was put in the *Herald*, and it told how much they got for the hospital. It's got so you have to get up something out of the common if you expect folks to give, nowadays."

"Such jugglery is not giving at all," said the president, indignantly; "and a missionary society that has to resort to it would much better go out of business. I hope while we remember that we are responsible partners in this great undertaking, we shall also remember that we are only partners; workers together with God, and bound to carry on our work in such a way that he can work with us."

"'Pears to me," said Grandma Cook, "there's just one easy, dignified way to give money, and that is to *give* it. I've tried all sorts of ways of cheating myself into thinking I wasn't giving, and it makes a sight harder

work, and not half the satisfaction. Now I just put five cents every week into my missionary box, and there it is."

"We might learn a lesson from the native Christians in India. They do not give by adding anything to their resources, but by tithing what they have, be it ever so little. You remember how the five poor women who were disappointed that a Bible reader could not be sent to a neighboring village, consulted together and agreed to raise the money by giving up half of their scanty ration of rice. That meant real hunger for them. If we are willing to do half as much——"

"I don't really believe I'd go hungry for my neighbors, let alone folks in Injy," said Sally Atwell. "If I don't have my meals reg'lar I git low in religion right away; but, my sakes! the's things enough a body could give up without sufferin', and save more'n ten cents a week, and I'm going to do it. I'm just going to keep saying, 'You're in debt, Sally Atwell, and you'd better make a business of getting out.'"

"Let us all say that," said Mrs. Bryce, "and make this a month of self-denial for this one purpose, and then we will talk over our experiences at the next meeting. And we will not forget that the pledge we made was not only 'two cents a week,' but 'a prayer.' When we forget the prayer we lose interest in the rest."

Mrs. Jeremiah Davis looked up from her work to repeat impressively:

"Who gives himself with his alms, feeds three:  
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

"But then," whispered Miss Sally, "it ain't alms at all, it's a debt; and if you don't pay your debts you're meaner'n pusley."—*Life and Light*.



## INCIDENTS IN HOME MISSIONARY LIFE

BY THE LATE REV. CLARENDON M. SANDERS

2. THEN AND NOW.—One of my earliest experiences was at H., in Illinois, and I call to mind my first sight of the place. It was in February, 1866, as I was on my way to L. Stepping from the train and viewing the surroundings, I saw a rolling Illinois prairie with perhaps a half dozen widely separated houses in sight. As we rode up from the depot to the brow of the hill I noticed a pile of rock lying by the roadside. "What is to be done with these stones?" I asked my companion. "Mr. R. is going to put up a school building," was the reply. "A school building!" I said with surprise; "but where are the children?" "Oh, Mr.

R. is starting a new town," he said, "and expects to have many families dwelling here; streets are to be laid out, trees planted, and houses and stores built." This was a strange statement to me, for I had but recently come from New England, and knew nothing of building new towns. Some months later, while serving the church at L., I was asked to commence services at H. on Sunday afternoons. The depot was the only available place. Chairs and boards served to supplement the seating capacity of the waiting-room. A family living in the station had a piano; the wife was a good musician, so that we had music from the start. Parties from L. drove up, among them most of the choir. Several farmers' wagons were filled, boards being used for extra seats. One good lady remarked concerning the experience, "I rode on a board to the service, and sat on a board while there." Encouraging congregations greeted us, many often standing outside by the open windows. The contemplated town became a reality; the schoolhouse was completed with a hall upstairs, and to this hall we changed our services. A little later the Congregational church was organized and recognized by council. While worshiping here the church was presented with a metallic pulpit, a unique affair. One Sabbath I exchanged with a brother minister accustomed to emphasize his remarks. He struck this pulpit but once; for as he did so it responded in such a way as to surprise him and make the people smile. The next time we met he asked: "What is that pulpit of yours made of?" "Of good stuff," I replied. "I should think it was, by its response to my hand."

It was at H. that I was called upon to officiate at my first wedding. During the two years of my pastorate, all denominations united and worked together. This was *then*. What a change *now*! To-day H. is one of the attractive suburbs of Chicago. The Congregational church has kept step with this onward progress; an organization reporting a membership of 209; a Sunday-school of 240; an edifice costing \$17,000, with a parsonage valued at \$4,000, and no indebtedness; reported benevolences, \$2,826; and raising for home expenses, \$3,678, for one year. The acorn planted by the aid of our Home Missionary Society in 1867 has grown into an oak. Was it not a wise planting—a paying investment?



### REV. JOHN WHEELER HARDING

THIS widely known and universally esteemed minister was born in Waltham, Mass., October 12, 1821, was graduated from Yale College in 1845, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1849. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Longmeadow, Mass.,

January 1, 1850, and served it with rare fidelity and success for more than forty years, interrupted only by a visit to Europe and the Orient in 1867. His friends loved to call him the "Bishop of Longmeadow," and he well earned the title; but he was scarcely more prominent in caring for the spiritual interests than he was in promoting all forms of material prosperity of that beautiful town, to no resident and no concern of which was he indifferent. For much of the time he added to his pastoral work valuable service as correspondent, book reviewer, and editorial writer on the staff of the Springfield *Republican*, the high character and wide circulation of which among intelligent readers gave him a large field for usefulness in a line for which he was peculiarly fitted.

Springing from genuine New England Pilgrim stock, Mr. Harding was among the most earnest friends and supporters of all our Congregational missionary and benevolent enterprises. His family has long been closely identified with both home and foreign missions. On the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society he wrought effectively for many years, and very few if any took a deeper interest in the National Society's work throughout the land. It was natural, therefore, that on laying down his pastorate, in the ripeness of his years, he should choose to devote his remaining strength to actual service in the home missionary field, and conference with the officers of this Society led to his appointment to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Ormond, Florida. To the care of this church and of the adjacent district, aided by his family, he gave the working months of the years 1892, '93, '94, '95, and to the 14th day of April, 1896. On that day by the instant summons of his Lord he was called to the higher services of the upper sanctuary.

Not often is it given to a young, inconspicuous church, like that of Ormond, to profit by the labor, the wisdom, and the spiritual strength compacted by more than forty years' pastoral experience of a man like Mr. Harding. His work was greatly blessed to the spiritual welfare of its members, and in their homes he and his family will be lovingly cherished in fragrant lifelong memory.

The editor of this magazine came to know "John Harding" in the autumn of 1836, when both were boys fitting for college in Phillips Andover Academy. That acquaintance speedily ripened into a friendship which, lasting unbroken and unchilled through sixty eventful years, revealed in the boy, the youth, the mature man, and the veteran, these and other sterling qualities: absolute sincerity and integrity; a scholar's love for learning; unflinching devotion to Scriptural truth, combined with generous tolerance of differing opinions; thorough consecration; deep religious experience; a genuine love of souls; a changeless warmth of affection that won to him the heart's love of all who knew him well, and strongly attracted those who had with him only a passing acquaintance.



He was one of those rare spirits whose Christian love, fidelity, and heartiness contribute so largely to the brightness, the charm and joy of life, and keep alive the assurance of the eternal fellowship of heaven. There may we meet again !

## FROM THE EASTERN COAST, FLORIDA

[The following is the latest—alas ! that it must also be the last—of the series of Mr. Harding's reports of his work with the church in Ormond, Florida. It covers the quarter ending March 31, 1896. Only a brief note came to us later, concerning a remittance. That was dated April 7th, just a week before his sudden and lamented death.—ED.]

THIS church has met the hard times occasioned by the disastrous freeze of last year remarkably well, showing no sign of weakness or discouragement. The average attendance on Sunday worship and prayer-meetings is larger. Peace and harmony prevail. The somewhat uncertain experiment of uniting Christians of various denominations under Congregational auspices and polity has proved thus far entirely successful. Not the least tendency toward sectarian divisions is manifest.

The plan of having the annual church meeting a social occasion, and inviting winter residents who attend the worship to break bread with us, has become an established custom, very delightful and profitable in magnifying the importance of the local church as a household of faith and a working body of Christ. The benevolences of the church and congregation have increased in amount and system, including the Christian Endeavor Society, which is vigorous and permanent throughout the year.

So, indeed, are all the meetings, being never intermitted during the summer vacation of the pastor, who keeps in constant touch with the people. They would, however, be better served if a minister could be procured who would stay all the year round. But in view of the difficulties in the way of this they have voted to reëlect the present pastor for 1896-97.—REV. JOHN W. HARDING, *Ormond, Fla.*

## THAT INDIAN ORPHANAGE

WE are in great rejoicing because, through the blessing of God, the quarter just ended has seen our plans reach fruition. One year ago (April 1, 1895) we took this field, feeling honored of God to be called to such a work. The plan outlined before coming hither was to reach the Indians, not only by preaching, but by practical Christianity. We planned

orphanage work for Indian children, but expected to reach that only after some, perhaps long, waiting. About fifteen months have passed ; but before the fifteenth month has gone, we have in the orphanage four girls and two boys, ranging in age from one and a half to thirteen years, all of them Arapahoes. Five of the six are with us during the vacation of the Government school, and will return to school in September. The sixth orphan is "Night Man," an Arapahoe baby, eighteen months old. We rescued him from filth and almost starvation on Sunday, June 21st. I was out in the afternoon, visiting the two camps of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, when I passed a tent outside of which sat a baby in filth and vermin, more beast-like than human in appearance. The Lord directed me to see about the child, so I went back. He had on only a shirt, and was lying over on his side. Thinking he was dying I raised him up. A talk with the woman who was pretending to care for him revealed the fact that he was without parents, and that I might have him if I wanted him. I came home to consult with Mrs. Harper about the matter, and we went back for the baby. We wrapped him in a gunny-sack and came thus to the river. Here the sack and shirt were thrown away and water and soap played their part. Then we brought him home. The scissors freed him from his hair and other things, and now dirty little Night Man has become clean, bright, interesting Charlie. By God's help we hope to train him and all orphans whom God gives us to be Christians and loyal citizens."—REV. R. H. HARPER, *Darlington, Okla.*

Many of the ladies have sent us things for our orphanage, but we still need more. Do you know of more societies that could help us without robbing the home missionary boxes?—MRS. HARPER.



## HOME MISSIONARY GRIT

BY ELIZABETH H. MILLER

A YOUNG preacher started from the East here and traveled to Nevada, to a town which had sprung up in connection with the silver mines. When he reached the end of his journey he was very ill with pneumonia, and was carried, helpless, into what was postoffice and drugstore combined, and laid out on the counter. "Tell me," he said to the postmaster, "the name of the best Christian you have here." The man looked at him. "There ain't any." There were 25,000 people living in the place. "No Christians! Not a single one?" "No." "Do you mean to say," persisted the stranger, "that there is no good man in this town?" "Oh! good man? Oh, yes! Mr. King." He sent for Mr. King, and found him a

good man indeed, who took him into his house and nursed him back to health.

When he was on his feet again the young divinity student—Mr. Emmons, as we may as well call him—started about the plans for doing good which had brought him to the town. He first put up posters everywhere, announcing a Sunday-school service for the next Sunday afternoon. Then when Sunday morning came, he went to the baseball grounds, where a crowd was sure to be collected, to try what private canvass would do. He buttonholed boy after boy, appealing to every motive which he could dream would influence him, to come that afternoon and help build up a Sunday-school. In his eagerness he collared one lad and dragged him off for a tête-à-tête so roughly that he had to apologize, and found some difficulty in making it plain that it was not with intent to kill. When afternoon came, that boy was his sole attendant. All during the week he made vigorous efforts after recruits; he posted more posters and held more interviews on the ballfield. On the next Sunday afternoon—the same boy. On the Sunday afternoon following, the same boy plus his little sister.

Then matters began to look up. Scholars multiplied and a preaching service was held. Mr. Emmons was a small, slight man, boyish and pale, and the big, broadfisted miners at length bethought themselves of a beautiful joke to be played upon the parson. One of them offered to lend him a horse to shorten distances in his large parish. It was a high-mettled animal, only half-broken, and they expected to enjoy themselves immensely over the discomfiture of the "tenderfoot," that being their idea of entertainment. Now it so happened that Mr. Emmons could ride well. He knew what their offer meant, and he knew also that if he refused it he would lose caste in their eyes forever; and so, relying on his horsemanship and his light weight and his cool head, he decided to make the trial. The time was fixed, the miners collected at the street corners in expectant groups, and the horse was brought out. No sooner was Mr. Emmons on its back than it sped off like the shot from a rifle; straight through the street it tore, then whisked around corners, past circles of spectators, from whose eager gaze it speedily disappeared, with the plucky little preacher sticking on its sides like a bur. Hatless, breathless, splattered with mud from head to foot, he yet managed to get back to town on top of his steed; and the Sunday after was a field day in the church. A ring of jockeys from all the neighboring country, men who had not attended a religious service in years, collected to hear this preacher who was after their own heart. And thenceforward he did not have to complain of the numbers of his congregation; the trouble lay deeper—the men who came to hear him on Sunday would go out on Monday and shoot one another. It is hard for us off here at home, who

have been trained always in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to understand how anyone can listen to the blessed Gospel of Love on Sunday and not begin early Monday morning to practice it during the week. is it not?

As the church increased, Mr. Emmons one day made an appeal to the miners for thirty dollars for a Sunday-school library. They responded speedily. A man was sent at once out into the streets to collect the money, as would have been done in the case of a comrade crushed in the mines, or in any way "down on his luck." He came back with a great pile of notes of hand—their only currency—which he slapped down on the preacher's desk, drawing out,—

"We don't want any of your snivelin' little Sunday-school libraries. Count that!" It was \$150. Mr. Emmons remonstrated; it was too much. "Let a hundred of it go to the parson," somebody suggested. But this he would not hear to. "Then we'll get him another hundred."

Which they forthwith proceeded to do, by levying again on the streets, with the result that a \$250 library was brought into that wild settlement, rows and rows of books, Mr. Emmons said, such as would gladden the eyes of many of our flourishing Eastern schools.—*Well-Spring.*



## LOST IN THE WOODS

BY MRS. DORA REED BARBER, WILSONVILLE, OREGON

DURING the winter of 1891, our first winter in Oregon, while we were holding special meetings in a country district in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, we started out one Thursday to make a few calls. The rain was falling as it can fall in Oregon; but the missionary must not stop for rain and like trifling hindrances, so we donned our gossamers and went forth. As I was then only an amateur at climbing hills and walking footlogs, one of the men who had been converted in the meeting offered to loan his pony to me. It was one of those mixtures of balk and kick-up that I have since learned to designate "cayeuse," and very much like those that formed a considerable part of Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" at Chicago last fall. I had never had any formal introduction to it, and of course was unacquainted with its habits, but as horseback riding had been my favorite pastime since I was a child I most gladly accepted his kind offer.

We started away very suddenly, as that sort of a conveyance generally does, and, anticipating a fine ride, I was inwardly condemning my selfishness on leaving the partner of my joys and sorrows to plod along alone on so lonesome a road, when, as I came to a crossroad, the animal sud-



denly stopped, and I assumed a more forward position, there to wait until the quadruped should take it into his stubborn head to proceed, which, however, was not until we were overtaken and led part way up the hill. I afterward learned that the road he wished to take was a short cut toward his home, and that these animals think "there's no place like home," a fact that we proved true before we got back that evening.

We made our calls and started early for home, for we knew it would be dark soon on account of the rain, and, because it was nearer, we concluded to take a trail which we had heard led straight across the woods; but we had not gone far before the woods became so dense as to make it too dark on that rainy evening for us to follow our path, and we began to fear lest we should lose it entirely and be led off in another direction from that in which we wanted to go. Night settled down upon us, and once I put out my hand to see if I could see it, but I could not. How dark it was! and I thought how terrible it would be to be lost forever in the blackness of darkness.

We could hear the roar of water below us, but we did not know how far it was to it nor how deep it was. We were not so much concerned about that as we were to know if we should spend the rest of that rainy night in those dark woods under the shelter of those gigantic fir trees. As we proceeded, the roar of the waters became louder, and I could tell by the incline of the pony's back that we were descending; and when all at once my husband, who had courageously assumed the position of guide, ordered a halt and said he had slipped off the bank, I knew that he had been descending too. We crossed the creek on a bridge, and when the pony refused to go and had to be led across I thought it was another of his contrary spells, and never imagined that he knew of the danger better than we. After wandering about in the woods for a while it occurred to me that a pony brought up in that country ought to know the way out of the woods better than a preacher raised in Michigan, so I assured my husband that if he would let us go ahead, I would give him the rein, and we should soon be out of the forest. To this he consented, and we both wondered why we had not thought of it before.

We had gone but a short distance when we came to a standstill, and what was my surprise to find that the unfaithful beast had left the path and wedged himself in between two trees. My plan had not proved the success that I had anticipated, and I said meekly to my "partner in distress," "Will you please pull us out from between these trees?" which request he granted without even saying, "I told you so." I thought about panthers and bears, but I knew that one from a land of plenty like Oregon would never be hungry enough to tackle our pony, and if it came to the worst, we would both be safe on its back; but we were getting wet, and it was lonesome in the woods, so we again started with no less

determination to find our way out. The old maxim that the darkest hour is just before day we found true in our experience this time, for when we were about to give ourselves up as lost we came out into an open space from which we could see a light away up the hill.

On inquiring we found we were almost in sight of the schoolhouse where we were to hold the meeting that night. We went directly there and found them engaged in a prayer-meeting, having given up our coming. We had a good prayer-meeting, a good revival followed, a Congregational church was organized, and now, on Thursday nights, a church bell rings out through those very woods, and following the sound of it, wanderers may not only find their direction in the storms of this life, but the gospel of the old church bell would guide them into a haven of eternal rest. And yet how many a poor soul is spiritually "lost in sight of home" !

When we told our story the people said we were surely brought on our way by Him to whom the darkness is as the light, for the road was considered an unsafe one to travel on horseback by daylight. The next summer I retraced our steps from curiosity to see the place of our encounter, and found a narrow footpath cut into the side of a steep bank by which we made our way that dark night down into the depths of the cañon and up the hill again.

The bridge of which the pony seemed so afraid was made by felling trees across the creek so as to serve for a footing. It was a lovely spot, although so wild, as I looked upon it that summer afternoon. The rocks on the bank were covered with moss, soft and beautiful. The green grass was sprinkled with flowers to the water's edge ; the birds hopped and twittered among the hazel bushes, and the squirrels chattered in the firs above. The water, leaping from crag to crag in the stream below, laughed a far merrier laugh in the sunlight of that summer afternoon than it did on that dark night when we were lost in the woods.



## THE DANGEROUS NATIVE CLASSES

BY REV. WILLIAM G. PUDDEFOOT

[People who have not read Field Secretary Puddefoot's thrilling home missionary book, "The Minute-Man on the Frontier," and who relished the extract given in *The Home Missionary* for November, 1894, will be glad to find here another chapter from the volume, and if the perusal shall lead them to secure the work, they and their households will read it more than once, with profit to themselves and to the cause of Home Missions. —Published by T. Y. Crowell & Co., New York and Boston.—Ed.]

WE hear much about the dangerous foreigners that come to us, but little about the dangerous native. There is not a type, whether of pov-

erty or ignorance, but what we can match it. Leaving out the negro, we have over ninety per cent. Anglo-Saxon in the South. Here we find a strange lot of paradoxes,—the most American, the most ignorant, the most religious, the most superstitious, and the most lawless. Take the lowest class of Crackers, and we have the whole of the above combined, with millions of mountain whites to match. Yet in this same South land are the most gentlemanly, and the most lady-like, and the most hospitable people in the country. The Cracker classes are descendants of the English, but what kind of English? The offscouring of prison and dockyards, sent over to work on the plantations before slave labor was introduced.

The mountain whites are the descendants of the Scotch-Irish. As many people seem to think this means a Scotch parent on one side and an Irish upon the other, it may be well to state that the Scotch-Irish are the descendants of Scotch people who immigrated to Ireland. But it ought not to be forgotten that the mountain whites are the descendants of Scotch-Irish of two centuries ago, a very different people from the Scotch-Irish of to-day. Here in the mountains we find some three millions, often without schools, and waiting sometimes for years for a funeral sermon after the person has been buried. Towns can be found over seventy years old, organized with a courthouse and no church.

"Yes," they say, "the Methodists started one some years ago; but the Baptists threw the timber into the Cumberland, and sence then we ain't had no church."

Here one of our minute-men had two horses shot under him, and another missionary was nearly killed.

Here you may find families of twenty and more, living in a wretchedly constructed house, on bacon and corn-meal, hoe-cakes, and dodgers. I started once to stay over night in one of these houses. As we came near to the place, I found that my host was a school-teacher. He had taught twenty-two schools. He meant by this that he had taught that many years. The kitchen was as black as smoke could make it; the butter was stringy, caused by the cows eating cotton-seed; and my seat a plank worn smooth by use, with legs which stuck up through it, which would have been better had they been worn more. I suppose in some way I involuntarily showed my feelings; for the woman noticed it, and said, "Yer oughter put up with one night what we uns have ter all the time."

I said, "That's the trouble; I could when I got used to it."

The room I slept in had a hole in the end that you could drive a span of horses through. It had been left for a chimney. As I found out that the day before a rattlesnake had come into the house, and the good woman had to defend herself with the fire-poker, I did not sleep so well

as I might. The possibility of a rattler in the dark, and no poker handy, filled me with uneasy thoughts; but as people get up with the sun, the time passed, and I was glad to get back to civilized life.

I noticed that the cotton was ridged up with concave rows of earth, which was covered with rank weeds. This was done to keep the water from running off too quickly. I asked whether sage would not hold the ridges as good as weeds. "Oh, yes!" they said, and it brought a dollar a pound; but they had never thought of that.

Some of the States do not have seventy school-days in the year; and the whole South to-day has not as many public libraries as the State of Massachusetts. A man needs perfect health to enjoy some of the pastoral work which he must do if he intends making a success among the mountain whites. One thing should never be forgotten. The poor whites of the mountains were loyal to the Union, and out from this type came the greatest American we have had, Abraham Lincoln.

Here, then, is plenty of material to work on,—families big enough to start a small church, and who do not send to England for pug-dogs for lack of progeny. Here are the rich fields, and here must the race be lifted before the millions of blacks can have a chance. Education must be pushed; and then will come a period of skepticism, for this people are fifty years behind the times.

Several people were sitting on a large veranda; and one man, a preacher lately from Texas, was telling us of his visit. Among other things he spoke of the cyclone-pits, and said, "Seems to me, brother, a man can't have much faith in God who would go into a pit. I would not; would you?"

"No," replied mine host. "Men seem to me to be losing faith. I once raised a woman up by prayer that three doctors had given up. Aunt Sally, have ye any of that liver invigorator? I kind of feel as if I needed some."

Here was a man who had prayed a woman out of the jaws of death, calling for liver medicine. None of them seemed to see the incongruity of it. One good old deacon that I knew horrified his pastor, who was a strong temperance man, by furnishing the communion with rye whiskey. The old man meant all right; but he had neglected to replenish the wine, and thought something of a spirituous nature was needed, and so brought the whiskey.

It is a fact worth noting, that we have to-day, in the year 1895, millions of men living in conditions as primitive as those of the eighteenth century, while in the same land we are building houses which are lighted and heated with electricity; that some men worship in houses built of logs, without glass windows, and others worship in buildings that cost millions; that in the former case men have lived in this way



for over two hundred years, and the latter less than fifty since the Indian's tepee was the only dwelling in sight; that to-day may be seen the prairie schooner drawn by horses, oxen, or mules, and in one case a horse, a cow, and a mule, the little shanty on wheels, the man sitting in the doorway driving, and his wife cooking the dinner. But so it is. We have all the varieties of habitation, from the dugout of the prairie to the half-million summer cottage at Bar Harbor; and from a single Indian pony, we have all kinds of locomotion, up to the vestibuled palace on wheels.

That I may not seem to be overstating the condition of the mountain whites, and the dangers among our own people, I close with a quotation from Dr. Smart's Saratoga address:

“Let me tell you of just one experiment of letting a people alone, and its result. Shall we trust that American institutions and American ideas, that the press and schools, will ultimately Americanize them? In the eastern part of Kentucky, in the western part of North Carolina and West Virginia, there is a section of country about the size of New Hampshire and New York,—one of the darkest spots on the map of the South. The people living there have been there for over a hundred years, and are of Scotch-Irish extraction. Whole counties can be found in which there is not a single wagon-road. Most of the houses are of one story, without a window, or only a small one; and the door has to be kept open to let in the light. I have it from good authority that when the first schoolmistress went there to teach, she stipulated that she should have a room with a window in it, and a lock to the door. Very few of the people can read or write. They have no newspapers, no modern appliances for agriculture, no connection with the world outside and around them. This is the land of the ‘moonshiner.’ They love whiskey, and so they manufacture it. The pistol and bowie-knife are judge and sheriff. Bloodshed is common, and barbarism a normal state of society. These men were not slaveholders in the times before the war. They were as loyal to the Union as any others who fought for the old flag, and they served in the Union army when they got a chance. Now, why are they sunk so low? Simply because they have been let alone, and American institutions, American schools, and the American press, have flowed around them and beyond them without effect.”



## HOME MISSIONARY RALLY DAY

[When this number of the magazine reaches our readers the Army Rally Day will be near at hand. But if there be schools that have not used, and desire to use, Rally Exercise Number Four, prepared by this Society, it will not be too late to send for and receive it.

The following note is being mailed to the superintendents of our Sunday-schools, trusting that they will cheerfully comply with its request for a collection from the Army Boys and Girls, on November 22d. so generous as to make glad the heart of their gallant General and meet the approval of the great Captain of their Salvation.—ED.]

## TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.

*Dear Friend:*—The young soldiers of the Boys' and Girls' Home Missionary Army, under command of Major-General O. O. Howard, are scattered among many Sunday-schools in all parts of the land.

It may be that some of them are found in your own school. We hope so.

The usual Rally Sunday observed by the Army is that preceding the national Thanksgiving, namely, November 22, 1896. Will you kindly call attention to this fact and commend our great cause to your Sunday-school for a special contribution on that date, and have the same sent to the State or the National Society?

We have prepared no special Rally Exercise this year, but expect by another year to make an extra effort to maintain and revive interest in the Boys' and Girls' Home Missionary Army.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET RALLY DAY, NOVEMBER 22.

So the children shall be trained up to take the places of the fathers and mothers, and the race of those that love their country and sacrifice for its good shall not die out.

*Officers of the Congregational Home Missionary Society.*



## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04
August.....3,460.00	487.56	2,167.21	6,114.77
September....9,148.64	610.00	5,775.99	15,534.63

Six months of the current financial year have passed, and have brought into the treasury the sums reported above. In fraternal frankness we call the attention of our friends to the fact that *these receipts are smaller by \$75,000 than were those of the first half of last year.*

All can foresee what must come if a like falling off should mark the year's second half. "That is unlikely," you say; "the coming months being those of largest collections, and the whole land counting on better times close at hand." Unlikely; but say not it is impossible. It is not only possible but certain unless you, reader, and other willing givers, shall so enlarge your offerings and induce others to do the same, as to make up the deficiency here reported. You can change the whole

aspect by doing both of these things, not resting satisfied until not only your personal offering, but those of your family, kindred, church, school, benevolent circle, largely exceed those of last year.

You need no reminder of the motives permanently binding every Christian patriot to support at his best, and especially just now, a Society whose one object is the promotion of our country's temporal and spiritual welfare. Has any duty, beyond the care of one's own household, claims upon us so just, so strong, so affecting, enforced by so many tender memories—of the sacrifices and prayers of our godly fathers, the sufferings of those who nourished our country's youth, the Divine interpositions in her times of deadly peril, the price at which our civil and religious privileges were bought and preserved, and, above all, of our Redeemer's precious blood, shed that in his name we may freely offer eternal salvation to all our people?

We love and honor our self-sacrificing brethren and their families working at the front in our stead. They confidently look to us to sustain them by our loving sympathy, our gifts and prayers. Winter is just upon them—doubly trying this year because of their pinched living for these recent winters in which they have shared the hardships of their people. Not a few of them have received little or nothing beyond the Society's appropriation, intended only to supplement the pledges on the field,—pledges which it proved impossible to fulfil. They must not be brought into still narrower straits nor be kept longer as they are.

We honor and love, also, our Divine Lord, nor can we ever forget his word: "Inasmuch as ye did it"—or "did it not"—"unto one of these my brethren, ye did it"—or "did it not"—"unto ME."



## THE GENERAL O. O. HOWARD ROLL OF HONOR

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IN MEMORY OF MRS. W. H. THRALL, Huron, So. Dak.

BIBLE CLASS OF PHILLIPS ACADEMY IN SEMINARY CHURCH, Andover, Mass.

MRS. A. M. D. ALEXANDER, Northfield, Mass.

H. D. SMITH, Plantsville, Conn.

MRS. MARY L. LYON, Northfield, Minn.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, Syracuse, N. Y.

MRS. HANNAH R. WORRELL, Centerville Church, Barnstable, Mass.

FRIEND B., Fairfield, Conn.

## APPOINTMENTS IN SEPTEMBER, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Ayers, Alfred W., Omaha, Neb.  
 Foust, Joseph D., Hanceville, Ala.  
 Gibson, John, Washburn, Wis.  
 Hand, Leroy S., Omaha, Neb.  
 Hendrick, Harmon E., Sheridan, Wyo.  
 Hewlett, B. F., San Jacinto, Cal.  
 Hood, E. Lyman, Lorin, Cal.  
 Martin, George, Mecca, Ohio.  
 Princll, John G., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Rice, Guy Herbert, Red Cliff, Colo.  
 Richmond, George Wynne, Louisville and Mount Union, Kan.  
 Roberts, Clarence E., Valencia, Kan.  
 Trover, Winfield D., Pettisville and Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.  
 White, Levi, Fairmount, Ind.

*Re-commissioned*

Andrewson, Andrew J., Maple Valley, Wis.  
 Andrewson, Severt M., Cooperstown, No. Dak.  
 Arnold, William A., Toledo, Cowlitz Bend, and Knab, Wash.  
 Baker, George, Washougal and Mount Pleasant, Wash.  
 Bicknell, Dennis H., Kirkland, Wash.  
 Buck, Eugene L., Cortez, Colo.  
 Bushell, Richard, Marysville and Edison, Wash.  
 Champlin, Oliver P., Oberon, No. Dak.  
 Chevis, Ernest C., Lake Park and Audubon, Minn.  
 Choate, Charles Wesley, Dayton, Ohio.  
 Clark, Victor F., Holdredge, Neb.  
 Coate, Robert M., Canton, So. Dak.  
 Compton, Herbert E., Cathay, Sykeston, and Fessenden, No. Dak.  
 Crater, George W., Carthage, Redstone, and Esmond, So. Dak.  
 Dantford, James W., Brownnton and Stewart, Minn.  
 Davies, Thomas V., Salina, Kan.  
 Davies, William, Spokane, Wash.  
 Davison, Augustus, Monterey, Penn.  
 De Groff, Charles F., Letcher, Firesteel, and Lisbon, So. Dak.  
 Dreisbach, Charles H., Lebanon Springs and Logan, So. Dak.  
 Evans, William L., Plymouth, Penn.  
 Faulkner, Wellington J., Bellevue and Highland, Wash.  
 Fisk, Pliny B., Ree Heights, Spring Hills, Greenleaf, and Midland, So. Dak.

Foster, Richard B., Okarche, Okla.  
 Francis, David R., Trinidad, Colo.  
 Funk, George N., Jennings, La.  
 Galloway, Emil R., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Gilmore, William C., Valley Springs, So. Dak.  
 Haines, Oliver S., Sprague, Wash.  
 Hansen, C. J., General Missionary among Scandinavians, So. Dak.  
 Harris, Henry, Crested Butte, Colo.  
 Hassell, Richard B., North Yakima and Natchez, Wash.  
 Hobart, Miss Ella, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Hodgeman, Lewis P., Johnsonville, Ohio.  
 Holway, Thomas, Maplewood, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Huntley, Sanford F., Westington Springs and Anina, So. Dak.  
 Iorns, Benjamin, Belle Fourche, So. Dak.  
 Jefferies, John, Norfolk, Neb.  
 Jensen, Charles J., Wausaw, Easton, and Rockwell, Wis.  
 Johnson, Augustus R., Kalama, Wash.  
 Kellogg, Fred, Brigham, Pelhamville, N. Y.  
 Kirkpatrick, John E., Seabrook and Sunnyside, Kan.  
 Lee, George, Dundee, Ala.  
 Luck, Charles W., Ogden, Utah.  
 Lyman, Mrs. Henrietta C., Ft. Pierre, So. Dak.  
 Lyons, Eli C., Appleton, Minn.  
 Martin, John L., Kensal, Courtney, and Wimbledon, No. Dak.  
 Mercer, Henry W., Long Beach, Wash.  
 Northrop, George E., Belleview, Minn.  
 Parker, Fred, W. Pendleton, Ore.  
 Parsons, Julius, Cumberland, Wis.  
 Pease, Frank W., Ravenna, Neb.  
 Pettigrew, Mrs. Nina D., Lusk, Wyo.  
 Philbrook, Charles E., Scappoose, Ore.  
 Phillips, Charles H., Jamestown and Eldridge, No. Dak.  
 Phillips, William O., Demorest, Ga.  
 Reese, Thomas P., Canova, So. Dak.  
 Sheldon, Charles F., General Missionary in La.  
 Snyder, Charles W., Newkirk, Okla.  
 Spaulding, Wayland, Bedford Park, N. Y.  
 Swartout, Edgar P., Gann Valley, Duncan, and Pleasant Valley, So. Dak.  
 Taylor, Horace J., Fidalgo City and Rosario, Wash.  
 Tillberg, John M., Lincoln, Neb.  
 Trandt, Adam, Globeville, Colo.  
 Turner, Leonard A., Kilpatrick, Neb.  
 Walters, T. W., General Missionary in Wash.  
 Wiggins, Aaron W., New Cambria, Mo.  
 Wright, Reuben B., Boise, Idaho.

## RECEIPTS IN SEPTEMBER, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 379 to 381

## MAINE—\$5.80.

Auburn, Sixth Street Ch., by Mrs. L. J. Thomas..... \$5 80

Exeter, Mrs. C. K. Bell,  
 Gen. Howard Roll of  
 Honor..... \$100 00  
 \$200 00

## NEW HAMPSHIRE -- \$575.44: of which legacy, \$150.

F. C. I. and H. M. Union of  
 N. H., Miss A. A. McFarland, Treas.:  
 Concord, A Friend, First... \$100 00

Francetown, M. C. Willard, for the debt..... 100 00  
 Hinsdale, by Mrs. M. L. Stearns..... 2 03  
 Milford, First, by A. C. Crosby..... 70 00  
 Orford, Primary class in S. S., "The Little Men and Women," Rally, by Mrs. A. W. Newcomb..... 2 00  
 Penacook, Estate of Rev. A. W. Fiske, by Miss M. A. Fiske..... 150 00



Portsmouth, Susan Bostwick.....	\$1 00
Rochester, by H. M. Plumer.....	33 81
Wilton, Second, by C. Wilson.....	16 60

## VERMONT—\$128.67.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, Treas. :	
Middlebury, L. D. M. S. ....	\$20 00
St. Albans.....	10 00
	30 00
Barre, by W. F. Moore.....	15 47
Hartford, Church.....	15 00
Newfane, Lulu Newton, add'l, Boys' and Girls' Army, by Miss A. Fish..	50
St. Johnsbury, North Ch., by W. C. Tyler, Treas. :	
Vt. Dom. Miss. Society.....	67 70

## MASSACHUSETTS — \$1,302.60; of which legacy, \$50.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas. :	
By request of donors, of which \$200 Gen. Howard Roll of Honor ;	
Special, \$30.....	279 56

Woman's H. M. A., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas. :	
For Salary Fund.....	165 72

Belchertown, First, by C. B. South- ick.....	39 19
Beverly, Dane Street, by H. R. White	229 41
Boston, W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund	50 00
Fitchburg, Miss J. M. Gould, from Dime Bank, \$5; Mite boxes, \$6....	11 00
Greenfield, Mrs. M. K. Tyler.....	15 00
Holyoke, First, by J. H. Wylie, Jr...	31 42
Monson, by E. F. Morris.....	15 13
Newton Center, Extra-Cent-a-Day Band of the First Ch.....	25 00
North Amherst, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss E. C. Crocker.....	13 00
Northampton, A. L. Williston.....	300 00
Pawtucketville, L. A. Morrill.....	1 00
Petersham, Estate of Susan- nah Goddard.....	\$6,289 05
Phillipston, Mrs. M. P. Estey.....	5 00
Salem, Primary Dept. of the Tab. S. S, by A. K. Woodbury.....	15 00
Sheffield, by Dr. A. T. Wakefield....	7 17
Stoneham, Estate of Mrs. Abigail Hayes, by W. Hayes and O. H. Wil- marth, Exs.....	50 00
Webster, First, by E. L. Spalding....	50 00

## RHODE ISLAND—\$1,400.00 legacy.

Little Compton, R. I., Estate of Mrs. A. Pierce.....	1,400 00
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## CONNECTICUT—\$4,157.36; of which legacies, \$1,780.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.	20 25
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas. :	
Bethel, Mite-box offering, Ladies in the Ch., for Sal- ary Fund.....	\$13 51
Brooklyn, for Salary Fund.....	7 00
Suffield, Mrs. L. H. Hall, for Salary Fund.....	25 00
	45 51

Berlin, S. S. of the Second, by F. L. Wilcox.....	\$25 00
Bethlehem, by C. L. Ayer.....	40 00
Bristol, Estate of Andrew Ingraham. Estate of Andrew Ingraham, by W. A. Ingraham, Ex.....	700 00
Greenwich, Stillson Benev. Soc. in the Second, by K. M. Mead, to const. Mrs. C. E. Chapin, Mrs. W. H. Her- rick, Mrs. E. Reynolds, Mrs. H. Bar- ton, Mrs. E. Bird, and Mrs. M. O. West L. Ms.....	80 00
Hartford, "C. E. H.".....	485 00
Ledyard, by G. Fanning.....	1,000 00
Mt. Carmel, by L. A. Dickerman....	6 60
New Haven, Edmund Pendleton....	29 46
Norfolk, Estate of Mary L. Porter...	5 00
Norwalk, First, by E. L. Boyer.....	1,000 00
Plantsville, H. D. Smith, Gen. How- ard Roll of Honor.....	65 06
Roxbury, by E. W. Preston.....	100 00
South Britain, by M. C. Bradley.....	13 48
Storrs, G. F. King.....	16 00
Thomaston, First, by H. A. Welton...	1 00
Thompsonville, Dennis Pease.....	7 00
Whitneyville, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss M. S. Dickerman.....	500 00
Woodstock, First, by H. T. Child....	4 00
	14 00

NEW YORK—\$1,060.96; of which leg-  
acy, \$150.00.

Received by William Spalding, Treas. :	
Busti.....	\$3 00
Lincklaen.....	10 47
Newburgh.....	24 16
Roscoe.....	3 25
Rev. W. J. Carter.....	5 00
Rutland.....	4 50
Syracuse, Plymouth.....	5 00
Good Will.....	1 45
	56 83
Bedford Park, by W. R. Post.....	4 31
Brooklyn, Central Ch., by O. P. Ed- gerton.....	478 01
South Ch., by E. D. Ford.....	100 00
Miss. Soc. of the Atlantic Avenue Chapel Sunday-school, by C. Ken- yon, Jr.....	10 00
H. L. Mersereau, special for the debt.....	10 00
Buffalo, First, by R. K. Strickland...	100 00
Dunton, First, by J. W. Currier.....	5 00
Mohonk Lake, Mrs. C. B. Tompkins, by C. C. Tompkins.....	50 00
Morrisville, Estate of Margaret G. De Forest, by C. A. Fuller, Ex.....	150 00
New York City, Manhattan Ch., by D. B. Holmes.....	72 66
W. C. C.....	2 00
Orient, by M. B. Brown.....	22 15

## NEW JERSEY—\$105.35.

Dover, Swedish, by Rev. L. Akeson..	5 35
East Orange, K.....	100 00

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$45.85.

Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. T. W. Jones, Treas. :	
Braddock.....	\$4 50
Cambridgeboro.....	10 00
Coaldale.....	11 10
	25 60
Monterey, Hawley Memorial Ch., by Rev. A. Davisson.....	17 25
Pottsville, by Dea. E. B. Powell....	3 00

## MARYLAND—\$6.00.

Frostburg, by Rev. G. W. Moore..... \$6 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$30.66,  
legacy.Washington, Estate of William Webb,  
by J. M. Vale..... 30 66

## VIRGINIA—\$3.25.

Herndon, by E. L. Robey ..... 3 25

## GEORGIA—\$5.50.

Dawsonville, by Rev. E. Darnell..... 75  
Demorest, by Rev. W. O. Phillips.... 4 75

## ALABAMA—\$13.50.

Central, Balm of Gilead, and Kidd, by  
Rev. A. J. McCain..... 4 00  
Clanton, Mountain Spring, and South  
Calera, by Rev. J. L. Busby..... 2 00  
Gate City, by Rev. T. B. Haynie..... 2 50  
Tallassee, Central, Kent, and Ver-  
bena, by Rev. A. C. Wells..... 5 00

## ARKANSAS—\$1.65.

Gentry, by Rev. E. H. Price ..... 1 65

## FLORIDA—\$1,168.21.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. D.  
Brown, Treas.:

From Feb. 11 to Sept. 1, 1896:

Bellevue, Y. P. S. C. E., \$6 00

Conant, Miss O. I. Wor-

cester..... 5 00

Daytona..... 15 00

Interlachen, Y. P. S. C. E. 5 00

Jacksonville..... 24 00

Melbourne, Mrs. J. H.

Phillips..... 5 00

Orange City, Birthday Of-

fering..... 1 00

Ormond..... 6 50

Sanford..... 3 50

Tampa..... 29 00

Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. 5 00

Tuition Mission School. 3 55

Tavares..... 6 50

Thonotosassa, Y. P. S. C. E. 3 02

West Palm Beach..... 7 50

Winter Park..... 9 41

Y. P. S. C. E. 5 59

Coll. at An. Meeting... 3 33

Jewett City, Conn., Mrs.

Brewster..... 1 00

Charlestown, S. C., Mrs.

King..... 1 00

145 90

Fernandina, A Friend..... 1,000 00

Key West, Extra-Cent-a-Day Band of  
the First, by Rev. C. W. Frazer... 15 31

Ormond, Sen. Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.25;

Jr. C. E., \$2.75, by E. D. Mills..... 5 00

Tavares, by Rev. L. J. Donaldson... 2 00

## INDIAN TERRITORY—75 cents.

McAlester, Trinity Second, by Rev.  
T. E. Holleyman..... 75

## OKLAHOMA—\$6.35.

Auburn and Whitehouse, by Rev. A.  
Connet ..... \$2 35  
West Guthrie, by Rev. A. M. Lennox 4 00

## OHIO—\$336 19.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.:

Berea, Rev. S. B. Beard,

special..... \$2 50

Chester, by J. M. Johnston. 9 50

Cuyahoga Falls, by Rev. H.

Stauffer..... 2 05

Freedom, by F. M. Heyd.. 4 65

Lenox, Y. P. S. C. E., by

Rev. F. W. Link..... 5 00

Twinsburg, by O. O. Kel-

sey..... 12 04

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Received in August, by Rev. J. G.  
Fraser, D.D., Treas. Bohemian

Board, Cleveland:

Cleveland, Pilgrim, by H.

C. Holt..... \$90 00

September:

Cleveland, Plymouth, by S.

H. Stillson..... 15 05

\$105 05

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs.

G. B. Brown, Treas.:

Akron, First..... \$17 00

West..... 2 00

Ashtabula, Second..... 2 00

Austinburg, Y. P. S. C. E.,

for Salary Fund..... 3 00

Chillicothe, L. A. S..... 1 00

Cincinnati, Walnut Hills,

Jr. C. E., for Salary

Fund..... 5 00

Columbia, Bible Read-

ers School and Home 2 00

Cleveland, Trinity, L. A.

S., Bible Readers School

and Home..... 5 00

Conneaut, for Salary Fund

Elyria..... 4 00

Fredericksburg, Bible

Readers School and

Home..... 12 00

Huntsburg, K. E. S., Bi-

ble Readers School and

Home..... 3 00

Jefferson, for Salary Fund

Lodi, Bible Readers

School and Home.... 11 48

Lorain..... 5 00

Mansfield, First, Bible

Readers School and

Home..... 3 00

Marietta, Oak Grove, M.

B., Bible Readers

School and Home.... 2 00

New London, Bible Read-

ers School and Home .. 1 04

Plain..... 5 00

Rootstown, Bible Readers

School and Home.... 14 41

Y. P. S. C. E., for Sal-

ary Fund..... 2 00

Ruggles, L. S., Bible

Readers School and

Home..... 2 00

St. Mary..... 3 00

Wauseon, S. S., for Salary

Fund..... 7 98

York..... 3 00

\$127 91

232 96

Chagrin Falls, by M. F. Brewster...	\$17 33
Conneaut, S. S., by Mrs. T. S. Norton	10 00
Ellsworth, Mrs. B. W. Allen	10 00
Garrettsville, Mrs. C. Williams, by H. N. Merwin	1 00
Lyne, by M. Wood	23 85
Thomastown, Jr. C. E., by J. Hughes	5 31

ILLINOIS—\$192.00; of which legacy,  
\$182.00

Buda, Estate of J. F. Hyde, by Rev. A. N. Hitchcock	182 00
Morrison, R. Wallace	5 00
Rockford, Mrs. Caleb Simons, Silver Circle of the First, by Miss M. E. Crosby	5 00

MISSOURI—\$324.15.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. K. L. Mills, Treas.:	
Aurora, Jr. C. E. Soc.	\$2 50
Brookfield	15 00
St. Louis, Pilgrim	200 00
First, to const. Mrs. J. I. Swan a L. M.	58 00
Union	10 00
Springfield	2 40
Webster Groves	25 57
	\$313 47
Less Expenses	14 92

Hannibal, Pilgrim, by Rev. J. Thom- son	5 10
St. Louis, First Swedish, by Rev. A. G. Johnson	2 50
Tabernacle Ch., by Rev. W. Johnson	12 00
Thayer, First, by Rev. J. Chew	6 00

MICHIGAN—\$5.00.

Vermontville, Orlin P. Fay	5 00
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WISCONSIN—\$2.00.

Clear Lake, Scand., by Rev. J. Petter- son	1 00
Clintonville, Scand., by Rev. H. F. Josephson	1 00

IOWA—\$36.33; of which legacy, \$33.33.

Grinnell, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. R. Potter	3 00
Iowa Falls, Estate of Alfred Woods, by E. Nuckolls, Ex.	33 33

MINNESOTA—\$818.63.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Alexandria	\$22 45
Custer	4 02
Garvin	3 00
Glencoe	10 00
Lamberton	76
Lake City	35 92
Minneapolis, Plymouth	76 04
Northfield	62 88
Rose Creek	3 04
St. Anthony Park, St. Paul	16 95
Tintah	3 08

Woman's H. M. Union, Minn., Mrs. M. W. Skin- ner, Treas.:	
Austin	\$9 35
Belgrade	1 50
Brownston	1 75
Custer	5 00
Duluth, Morley	2 00
Dawson	5 00
Excelsior	7 00
Faribault	49 45
Freeborn	15 00
Fairmont	12 46
Groveland	65
Grand Meadow	75
Hopkins	1 00
Hawley	7 29
Hamilton	3 05
Hutchinson	5 00
Lake Stay	1 00
Lyle	1 50
Lake City	16 52
Madison	6 40
Morris	4 00
Mazeppa	21 00
Morristown	1 25
Mapleton	5 35
Mankato, \$3; Jr. C. E., 75 cents	3 75
Minneapolis, Lora Hollis- ter	5 00
Plymouth	34 82
First, \$26.81; Young Ladies, \$5.25	32 06
Pilgrim, C. E.	1 51
Fremont Avenue, \$7; C. E., \$2.	9 00
Como Avenue and Jr. C. E.	15 00
Lowry Hill	15 00
Northfield	75 00
New Ulm	10 00
New Paynesville	4 00
Plainview	4 50
Princeton	10 00
Robbinsdale, C. E.	1 95
Stewartville	2 26
St. Claire	50
Silver Lake, Bohemian	4 43
Stewart	50
Saratoga	1 00
Springfield	3 00
Sauk Center	2 00
St. Paul, Bethany	3 35
Plymouth	3 25
St. Louis, Park	1 25
St. Charles	1 06
Spring Valley	2 60
Taopi	2 05
Wadena	4 10
Worthington	29 54
West Dora	2 50
West Union	9 00
Waseca, \$4.40; Jr. C. E., \$2.50.	6 90
	\$723 39
Less Expenses	35 00

\$688 39

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Treas.:	
To place the name of Mrs. Mary L. Lyons on Gen. Howard Roll of Honor	100 00

Anoka, by H. E. Bretters	15 38
Edgerton, by Rev. R. S. Osgood	3 50
Glyndon, Ch. and S. S., by C. E. Tracy	7 86
Grand Meadow, by Mrs. H. M. Mullen- nix	1 50
Minneapolis, Rodelmer	2 00

## KANSAS \$192.95

## Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas.:

Great Bend, S. S.	\$9 43
Hill City	2 00
Mound City	1 00
Mount Hope	5 00
Overbrook	7 15
Plevna	3 41
Ridgeway	2 25

\$11 14

## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. E. C.

## Read, Treas.:

Blue Rapids	\$11 40
Clay Center	4 50
Dover	4 00
Emporia	25 00
C. S. Plumb's Dime Bank	5 00
Garnett	10 00
Herndon, C. E.	3 00
Highland	2 50
Lawrence, Plymouth	5 50
Maple Hill	10 00
Metune, Miss N. Bray-	
man's Dime Bank	5 00
Osawatomie, Jr. C. E.	50
Ridgeway Missionary	2 00
Scatter Creek	1 12
Smith Center	2 00
Topeka, First	15 60
Valencia	1 00
Wellsville	5 00
White City, Rev. E. Rich-	
ard's Dime Bank	5 00
Wabaussee, Rev. E. Rich-	
ard's Dime Bank	5 00

\$123 12

Less expenses..... 2 46

Carbondale, by Rev. J. W. Hardy	5 0
Strong City, A. Breck	4 00
Valeda, T. Gray	1 25

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## NEBRASKA \$55.00

Avoca and Berlin, by Rev. J. A. Smith	5 00
Cowles and Pleasant Ridge, by Rev. S. Deakin	5 50
Dodge and Howells, by Rev. A. Farnworth	7 00
Grant, Madrid, and Venango, by Rev. G. W. Knapp	1 5
Linwood, by Rev. C. Halbersleben	50 00
Omaha, Ladies' Aid Soc. of Hillside Ch., by Rev. J. Flook	5 00
Park and West Cedar Valley, by Rev. C. H. Kershaw	1 00
Sutton, First, by W. E. Thompson	8 57
Trenton and Fairview, by Rev. D. Donaldson	50

## NORTH DAKOTA \$2,025.71: of which legacy, \$20.00.

## Received by Rev. H. C. Simmons:

Fargo, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First	\$7 58
Valley City	2 10
	\$0 08
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. M. Fisher, Treas.:	
Caledonia	\$1 00
Portland	4 60
	\$5 60

15 28

Buchanan, 50 cts.; Edmunds, 85 cts.; Melville, 79 cts., by Rev. W. H. Gimblett	\$2 23
Buxton, Estate of James P. Gould, by A. Sargeant, Ex.	2,000 00
Hillsboro, by Rev. N. P. McQuarrie	2 30
Wimbledon, \$1.20; New Rockford, \$2.50; Fessenden, \$2.20, by Rev. W. H. Gimblett	5 90

## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$143.42.

## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. F. M.

## Wilcox, Treas.:

Badger Lake	\$3 60
Chamberlain	4 00
Firesteel	1 45
Lake Preston	5 00
Oahe	1 00
Sioux Falls	10 00
Yankton	3 00
A Friend	4 00

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Alcester, \$11.50; Yankton, \$90, by Rev. W. H. Thrall	101 50
Keystone, by Rev. J. A. Becker	2 25
Lebanon Springs and Logan, by Rev. C. H. Dreisbach	1 00
Plankinton, S. S., by C. R. Bruce	3 35
Rosebud, Woman's Soc., \$1; Young Men's Soc., \$1, by Rev. W. H. Thrall	2 00
Winfred, by Rev. D. R. Tomlin	1 27

## COLORADO—\$14.97.

Denver, Glenarm Soc. of C. E. of the First Ch., in memory of Rev. C. M. Sanders, by M. R. Morrison	10 00
Otis, Birthday Box, by Rev. G. Dungan	1 97
Red Cliff, by Rev. G. H. Rice	3 00

## WYOMING—\$1.50.

Douglas, by Rev. O. L. Corbin	1 50
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## MONTANA—\$20.05.

Livingston, Holbrook, by Rev. W. A. Walker	10 05
Red Lodge, Rev. W. H. Watson	10 00

## IDAHO—\$9.40.

Hope, by Rev. V. W. Roth	1 20
Pocatello, by Rev. D. Q. Travis	8 20

## CALIFORNIA—\$31.24.

## Woman's H. M. Union of Southern California. Mrs. M. M. Smith, Treas.:

Ontario	2 25
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Chula Vista, S. S., \$4.18; Redondo Beach, \$4.56, by Rev. J. T. Ford	8 74
Dehesa, by Rev. A. C. Dodd	25
Fresno, German Ch., by Rev. J. Legler	3 00
Green Valley, by Rev. W. Rogers	2 00
Pasadena, Miss H. M. Bliss	5 00
San Diego, A Friend	10 00



## OREGON—\$17.65.

Beaverton and Tualatin, by Rev. W. Hurlburt .....	\$6 50
Forest Grove, by Rev. C. F. Clapp....	3 00
Hood River, Riverside Ch., by Rev. J. L. Hershner.....	8 15

## WASHINGTON—\$10.30.

Bellevue and Highland, by Rev. W. J. Faulkner .....	\$1 25
Kalama, First, by Rev. A. R. Johnson	1 50
Pataha City, by Rev. T. W. Walters.	7 55
HOME MISSIONARY.....	36 30

\$14,260 71

Contributions in September, excluding contributions for the debt .....	\$9,148 64
Legacies in September.....	5,775 99
Contributions for the debt in September .....	610 00

Total receipts in September..... \$15,534 63

## Contributions for the debt to October 1st :

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$87,156 58
Special for debt.....	8,935 76
	\$96,092 34

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

East Jaffrey, N. H., Cheerful Helpers, by Mrs. Will. J. Mower, box .....	\$35 60
Hartford, Conn., Mrs. B. R. Abbe, package.	
Northwood Ridge, N. H., Miss Lydia Ann Hill, box.	
Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. D. J. Pierson, box.	
Summit, N. J., Rev. C. C. Baldwin, D.D., box.	
Warsaw, N. Y., Ladies, by Mrs. Mary Darling Jenks, box.....	\$44 00
	\$79 60

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in September, 1896.* REV. EDWIN

B. PALMER, *Treasurer*

Gen. O. O. Howard Roll of Honor :		Danvers, Maple St., by C. G. Mears, to const. E. Florence Perry, Lewis B. Abbott. Mrs. J. A. Gould, and Mrs. M. A. Hall L. Ms. of C. H. M. S. ....	\$234 77
Barnstable, Centerville, one share in name of Mrs. Hannah R. Worrell, by Mrs. Owen Crosby.....	\$100 00	Deerfield, Gunn, Rufus, by Nathl. Hitchcock.....	10 00
Chicopee, Third Church, by Rev. Chas. Pease.....	100 00	Dracut, First, by C. L. Hodge.....	1 25
	\$200 00	Dudley, First, by W. H. Upham.....	4 50
Abington, First, by E. M. Nash.....	\$10 50	Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Marion E. Williams.....	2 25
Amherst, South, by J. F. Gleason.....	9 38	Everett, Courtland St., by Rev. R. H. McGown.....	7 50
Bank Balances, August interest on.....	11 30	Falmouth, East, by W. W. Eldredge ..	5 00
Barnstable, Centerville, add'l to Roll of Honor, by Mrs. Owen Crosby.....	30 00	First, by Obed F. Hitchcock.....	54 00
Boston, Neponset, by H. Tucker.....	16 25	Wood's Holl, by Mrs. J. W. Bowles..	12 70
Boxford, West, by W. H. Cole.....	4 25	Groton Union, by Frank D. Lewis,	
Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith.....	4 23	\$84.50, less expressage.....	84 25
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss Sarah H. Thayer, for Vinita Acad. Scholarship, and to const. Mrs. W. E. Sheldon a L. M. ....	30 00	Groveland, by Miss M. A. Burbank....	12 00
Brockton, Waldo, by S. E. Nickerson..	12 50	Hartshorne, Rev. V. J.....	5 00
Brookline, Harvard, by Jas. H. Shapleigh.....	55 38	Harvard, Torrey, Rev. C. C.....	5 00
For Italian Mission.....	16 62	Hawley, West, by Clarence C. Fuller..	8 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook.....	20 02	Holyoke, French Evan., by Rev. C. H. Vessott.....	20 00
Carver, North, by Rev. N. Lincoln ....	15 00	Hyde Park, Blue Hill Evan. Society, by S. T. Elliott.....	18 44
Charlemont, East, by Chas. H. Leavitt	11 10	Leverett, First, by S. K. Field.....	18 75
Concord, Trinitarian, by Thomas Todd	16 25	Longmeadow, First, Benev. Asso., by Walter Bliss.....	142 88
Conway, by Francis Howland, for C. H. M. S.....	39 56	Lowell, High St., by Rev. C. W. Huntington, towards salary of Rev. Mr. Santikian,* \$42.00.	

\* Received and credited on special account.

Lynnfield Center, A Friend, by Rev. Geo. E. Freeman.....	\$5 00
Manchester, by Geo. F. Allen.....	73 50
Medfield, in memory of Joseph H. Wight.....	25 00
Medford, Mystic, by John McPherson..	184 75
Milford, by Geo. G. Cook.....	55 86
New Salem, by D. A. Stowell.....	5 34
North Attleboro, Oldtown, by C. E. Jordan.....	4 32
North Brookfield, Union, by Hiram Knight.....	3 18
Pittsfield, French Mission, by Rev. A. Bouteiller.....	7 00
Reed, Dwight, Fund, income of.....	40 00
Rochester, North, by A. K. Small.....	1 00
Sunday-school, by P. P. Gerrish.....	1 00
Sharon, Church, \$26.85; Sunday-school, \$10, by D. W. Pettee, to const. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Geisler a L. M.....	36 85
South Hadley Falls, by A. N. Chapin..	12 74
Springfield, First, by H. G. Camp.....	57 37
Walpole, Second, by Mrs. S. E. Bentley	5 53
West Boylston, First, by E. B. Rice....	6 00
West Springfield, Ashley School and Charitable Fund, by Samuel Smith....	176 41

West Stockbridge, Center, by Rev. W. W. Curtis.....	\$10 00
Village, by Rev. W. W. Curtis.....	15 00
Whitin, J. C., Fund, income of.....	25 00
Winchester, First, by Walter D. Middleton, D. N. Skillings' annuity.....	100 00
Woburn Conference, by Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, for Montvale Ch.....	30 00
Worcester, Park, by Rev. R. M. Taft..	5 00
Piedmont, Goff, Mrs. M. E. A., by Dr. A. W. Eldred.....	1 50
Plymouth, by F. W. Chase.....	38 83
Woman's Home Miss. Association, by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:	
Easthampton, Ladies' Aux., for Silver Circle.....	\$5 00
Worcester, Bethany, Aux., for Silver Circle.....	5 00
	10 00
	\$2,084 81
HOME MISSIONARY.....	1 50
	\$2,086 31

## RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society from June 1 to October 1, 1896. JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, Treasurer*

Barrington, Ch.....	\$60 00
Kingston, Ch.....	89 44
Newport, United Ch.....	53 15
Pawtucket, Cong, Ch.....	\$200 00
Park Place Ch.....	27 35
	227 35
Peace Dale, Ch.....	34 64
Providence, Beneficent Ch., A Friend.....	\$5 00

Pilgrim Ch.....	\$200 00
C. E. Soc.....	22 74
	\$222 74
Union Ch.....	1,200 00
Interest.....	30 00
	\$1,457 74
	\$1,922 32

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in September. WARD W. JACOBS, Treasurer*

Avon, West Avon, Shubael Thompson.	\$5 00
Bridgeport, Swedish, by Rev. Oscar Lindegren.....	3 20
Colchester, Church and Sunday-school, for C. H. M. S., by Edward F. Strong	30 62
Fairfield, Southport, A Friend.....	10 00
Georgetown, Swedish, see Weston.	
Griswold, by Rev. F. E. Allen.....	1 30
For C. H. M. S.....	42 40
Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S.....	1 45
Hartford, First, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S., by Carl W. Davis.....	10 00
Litchfield, First, by Miss C. B. Kenney, for C. H. M. S.....	55 95
Mansfield, First, by A. W. Buchanan, to const. Mrs. Susan M. Dewing, of Hartford, a L. M.....	52 50
Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur.....	26 16
New Britain, First, by A. N. Lewis....	100 00
New Haven, First, by F. S. Bradley....	276 44
Dwight Place, by Frederick C. Lum..	112 50

North Branford, by Rev. Charles Page.	\$27 63
North Canaan, Pilgrim, by J. B. Reed..	13 92
North Stamford, see Stamford	
Somers, Somersville, by H. L. James.	6 75
For C. H. M. S.....	6 60
Southport, see Fairfield.	
Suffield, West Suffield, by Benjamin Sheldon.....	26 87
Stamford, North Stamford, by Rev. W. T. Swinnerton.....	9 00
West Avon, see Avon.	
Weston, Georgetown, Swedish, by Rev. A. A. Nordlund.....	2 70
West Suffield, see Suffield.	
West Woodstock, see Woodstock.	
Windsor Locks, by C. A. Porter.....	62 44
Woodstock, West Woodstock, by A. W. Bicknell.....	7 30
	\$890 63

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in September, 1896.* REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, *Treasurer*

Bridgman .....	\$10 00
East Paris .....	6 00
Harrison .....	6 57
Homestead .....	2 50
Hudsonville, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	5 00
Imlay City .....	12 00
Lansing, Plymouth, C. B. Stebbins. ....	30 00
Pilgrim .....	1 50
Pleasanton .....	9 00
St. Joseph, of which \$25 in memory of Dea N. Vanderveer .....	79 00
Sandstone .....	2 00
Y. P. S. C. E. ....	1 00
Solon .....	37
Somerset .....	8 00
Traverse City, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	25 00
Wheatland .....	21 20
Rental, Ionia Ch. ....	10 00
Interest on Jubilee Fund. ....	150 00
W. H. M. U., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. ....	199 51
	<hr/> \$578 65

Receipts of the W. H. M. U. of Michi-  
gan in September, 1896, Mrs. E. F.  
Grabill, Treas.:

## SENIOR FUND

Canandaigua, W. M. S. ....	\$3 60
Charlotte, L. B. S. ....	25 00
Grass Lake, W. H. M. S. ....	12 00
Greenville, W. H. M. S. ....	5 30
Laingsburg, Woman's Asso. ....	15 00
Olivet, L. B. S. ....	9 00
Pontiac, W. H. M. S. ....	5 00
Union City, W. H. M. S. ....	14 50
	<hr/> \$89 40

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

Rochester, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	\$4 50
Saginaw, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	13 00
	<hr/> \$17 50
	<hr/> \$106 90

WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY  
ORGANIZATIONS

## OFFICERS

## 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

## FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804  
and

## HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

## 2. MINNESOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

## 3. ALABAMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE  
ISLAND \*WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA-  
TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

## 5. MAINE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

## 6. MICHIGAN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 7. KANSAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St., Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

## 8. OHIO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, 513 The Ellington, Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren St., Toledo.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St., Syracuse.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President*, Mrs. N. M. Lander.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President*, Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No. Portland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Portland.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President*, Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St., Tacoma.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street, Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President*, Mrs. C. E. Corry, Columbia.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. B. H. Burtt, Huron.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President*, Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New Britain.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St., Hartford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St., Kansas City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave., Kansas City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave., Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Isaac Claflin, Lombard.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President*, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave., Des Moines.



19. CALIFORNIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President*, Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oakland.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St., Oakland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St., Oakland.

20. NEBRASKA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President*, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.

21. FLORIDA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

22. INDIANA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. D. F. Coe, Elkhart.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 353 So. Hope St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

24. VERMONT

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. J. Van Patten, Burlington.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johns bury.

25. COLORADO

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Charles Westley, Box 508, Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

26. WYOMING

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

27. GEORGIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

28. MISSISSIPPI

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Emma Redick, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

29. LOUISIANA

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. M. Crawford, Hammond.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Matilda Cabrière, 2812 Freret St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 216 N. McNairy St., Nashville, Tenn.

## 31. NORTH CAROLINA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, { Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

## 32. TEXAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. I. Carroll, 331 Grand Avenue, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave., Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. S. Upton, Ridgway.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Terrace, Philadelphia.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. W. M. Wellman, El Reno.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Joel Harper, Oklahoma City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. B. Hammer, Oklahoma City.

## 36. NEW JERSEY

INCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND,  
AND VIRGINIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF  
THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

Organized March, 1891

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Bradford, Montclair.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. D. Hagerman, Montclair.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Denison, 150 Belleville Ave., Newark.

## 37. UTAH

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1891

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, 135 Sixth East Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. E. Hall, 78 East First North Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. D. Nutting, Third North and Quince Streets, Salt Lake City.

## 38. INDIAN TERRITORY

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1892

*President*, Mrs. Fayette Hurd, Vinita.  
*Secretary*, Miss Louise Graper, Vinita.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Raymond, Vinita.

## 39. NEVADA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1892

*President*, Mrs. L. J. Flint, Reno.  
*Secretary*, Miss Margaret N. Magill, Reno.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Mary Clow, Reno.

## 40. NEW MEXICO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1892

*President*, Mrs. E. H. Ashmun, Albuquerque.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. F. A. Burlingame, Albuquerque.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. McClaskey, Albuquerque.

## 41. BLACK HILLS, SO. DAKOTA

BLACK HILLS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
UNION

Organized October, 1893

*President*, Mrs. J. B. Gossage, Rapid City, Black Hills, South Dakota.  
*Secretary*, Miss Carrie Towner, Custer, Black Hills, South Dakota.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. S. Cushman, Deadwood, Black Hills, South Dakota.

## 42. IDAHO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1895

*President*, Mrs. R. B. Wright, Boise.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. A. Paddock, Weiser.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. R. B. Wright, Boise.

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## TEN WEEKS OF TENT-WORK

BY REV. NORMAN PLASS

**T** was a winter campaign. To explain that remark, I hasten to add that it was at Miami, Florida, where the southernmost railway station in the United States is located—the present terminus of the East Coast Railway. So far to the southward does it lie, that one seeking the shady side of the street in the month of May finds himself upon the northern side. It is, furthermore, the southernmost town in the United States where pioneer home missionary work is being prosecuted.

At the beginning of the “ten weeks,” it was not a railway station. To reach it one must start from Jacksonville, go three hundred miles by rail to Palm Beach, then embark and proceed by boat nearly one hundred miles farther until he had reached the beautiful Biscayne Bay region, where “the town to be” had been given “a local habitation and a name.” The missionary whom the Society sent went down with his family in a sixteen-foot sailboat. Reaching there at length, they embarked, as did the Pilgrim Fathers, “upon a rock-bound coast” (in this case, that of the Miami River), made their way into the



REV. NORMAN PLASS

“boundless wilderness” where the town was to be, pitched their seven by nine tent, and when night came lay down to pleasant dreams, having faith in God, but also “having locked the door with a shot-gun.”

A place was cleared and grubbed for the large forty by sixty feet tent, which Superintendent Gale had wisely secured, and it was at once raised and occupied. The first Sabbath saw sixty-three in the audience—two women, the rest men. Where they all came from, whether from holes in the ground or from windows in the sky, one couldn't tell. But they came, Gospel-hungry, earnest in their devotion, eager to hear the



ON THE MIAMI—NEARING BISCAYNE BAY

Word. During that ten weeks, they came in numbers from sixty-three to one hundred and eighty, no more than fifteen women to be found among them at any time.

The “Church Tent” became the popular place to go. At the bugle-call, they assembled. It was not a question with any whether they should go; it was the thing to do; everybody did it; they all went. There the rich and the poor were met together. There was the man with spotless attire, while beside him or behind him sat the man without a collar, or the man without a coat, or the man without a vest, or the man without suspenders, or the man with his overalls buttoned around his neck. The dress made no difference; they were there, all members of one family, with common needs and a common Father. Unbelievers were there,





THE GOSPEL TENT—INTERIOR

Catholics and Jews. There was the old sea captain, a declared infidel who said that he "came to hear the singing" (such singing!), but who did not go out when sermon-time came; and who, the last night of the "ten weeks," when the missionary was about to depart, said: "I am not a Christian, but I want to give you a text, 'Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season you shall reap if you faint not'"; and who begged leave to write to the missionary after he had gone away. One man coming to town said to another on Monday:

"Where were you last night? I couldn't find you."

"At the church tent."

"At church! You at church? What did you go there for?"



ON BISCAYNE BAY—MOUTH OF THE MIAMI

"If for no other reason," was the answer, "to see who had come to town, for everybody goes there."

"Right you are," said the other, "and I was there myself."

As the weeks went by, and tents and shacks and cabins sprang up on every side, it was found that for once at least the church was ahead of the saloon. But now there was talk that the saloon was coming. A man advertised for a partner to go into the saloon business with him, saying that he had "secured a petition." And in fact he had. But a sentiment was created against his coming. At the close of a Sunday evening service, when the question had been discussed, "Do We Want a Saloon in Miami or Vicinity?" sixty-seven men out of eighty-three rose to their feet to declare that they did not, while not a single vote could be elicited

upon the other side. One of the promoters of the town was present, the first to arise. Whatever weight this meeting may have had, it was decided by the "town-site people," not that "the saloon must go," but that it should not come; and every deed of transfer made out excludes it from the city for a term of three years. What a shame, if the saloon ever catches the church, when she has such a running start!

The 22d of April was a day long to be remembered at Miami. The demand was universal for the organization of a church. One hundred and seventy-five persons were present to discuss the proposition to proceed to the organization of a "Union Church." It was amended to read "A Union Congregational Church," and unanimously adopted. Forty-five or fifty gave in their names as charter members. About thirty-five of them were men. Among them, besides Congregationalists, were Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians, both "North" and "South." Thirteen of them came on confession of faith in Christ. There were the Southern Johnnie and the Northern Yank, the "Wolverine," the "Buckeye," the "Sucker," the "Tar-heel," the "Gober-grabber," the "Cracker"—"all are in Christ"—"Blest be the tie that binds." Thus, three hundred miles south of St. Augustine, "the oldest settlement," men from all sections of America and of all Christian beliefs unite to form a church of the Pilgrim Fathers.

But the 22d of April was memorable for another reason. The bond of union was to be fastened with the seal of blood. The only son of the missionary, a bright lad of six summers, who had done many a little



THE LITTLE GRAVE



part of the work with joy, after a mysterious illness of only forty hours, passed away that morning at break of day, and the same evening at set of sun was laid to rest. The burial service, conducted by Superintendent Gale, was full of tender pathos. The tent, decorated as usual, only more profusely, with air plants and orchids and oleanders and palms and ferns, was filled with sympathizing friends, who in double file followed the little home-made casket to the lone grave upon the banks of the beautiful Miami. There, where the orange and lemon trees drop their sweetness, where the birds ever sing and the snows never fall, the little body was laid at rest to await the call to "The Resurrection and the Life."

"Nothing worth having without sacrifice." Here was the contribution, submissively laid upon the altar by these loving parental hands, if, by means of this translation to the church triumphant, the little company of the church militant at Miami, their hearts blended in sympathetic love, may be more closely bound together as one in Christ Jesus.



## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

BY REV. ROSELLE T. CROSS, YORK, NEBRASKA

### XVII.—A MOUNTAIN STAGE RIDE, AND A CHURCH ORGANIZED

THE writer found it necessary to make a trip between Sundays to Aspen, a growing mining town on the Pacific slope of the Great Divide. The church at that place had been started a few years before by Mr. Paddock from Leadville, who, in his trips for that purpose, did some of the grandest mountain pioneering ever done by any Home Missionary in the Rocky Mountains. Several times he made the trip across the range, sixty miles, on foot, and most of it in one day. Once he crossed the pass in a fearful storm after he had been told that no human being could cross alive. Once he walked thirty-two miles on Friday and fifty more on Saturday, crossing the high range and carrying on his back a pack of cotton cloth that was to be used for windows in the church building. Then he did a minister's full day's work on Sunday, and on Monday walked forty-two miles of the backward journey across the range. After that trip the stage company presented him with a free pass.

He had left that field, another minister had taken it, and certain complications made it necessary for the superintendent to visit the church and pastor, which he had to do between two Sundays. The first day's journey was from Denver to Leadville by rail. At six the next morning he was on an old-fashioned Concord stage drawn by four horses and bound for



Aspen, sixty miles away, over the great backbone of the continent, over that snow-capped rocky wall that rose a mile into the air across the green valley of the Upper Arkansas. There were eleven passengers, and the coach was top-heavy with baggage, mail, and express. "You will need to drive carefully," whispered the local agent to the driver. "I should think so," was the brief reply.

We sat on the seat with the driver, and our first question was, "How long have you been on the road?" "Oh," said he, "I'm only a green hand taking the place of a driver whose arm got so lame in driving over the range that he had to take a vacation." This was not reassuring. A few miles down the valley could be seen the spot where Superintendent Pickett was instantly killed in 1879. The writer was now doing the same kind of work, and had the same seat on the stage. Eighteen miles down and across the valley, and they were at Twin Lakes, where he and his friends had camped eight years before. He had then wondered what lay up and beyond those great mountains. Now he was to see for himself. Horses, stage, and driver were changed, and the long half-day's climb began. Past the Falls, past Twin Peaks and Mount Elbert, past great bare domes of rock, past an occasional cluster of log cabins with accommodations for man and mule, past crystal streams that flowed in from wild gorges or leaped in white cascades over rocky walls, past the slow-moving double freight wagons and sometimes in almost impassable places, along the roaring stream that gradually grew smaller, over corduroy roads that spanned now a marshy spot and now a great ridge of rock, through beautiful forests of evergreen and through desolate stretches of dead and fallen timber, so on and on, up and up, they went.

The thunder rolled its deep bass below them; the air grew cooler and they put on their overcoats. The streams grew smaller. They came to snow and saw the creek flowing under an immense snowdrift. They entered a vast amphitheater, up whose steep walls stretched vast beds of last winter's snow. In some way those walls must be scaled. The road wound back and forth through the wooded slope. The passengers walked while the stage with six horses came slowly behind with frequent stops. Near the timber line they found trees of immense size, a phenomenon often noticed on the mountains. Then they were above the timber line and then on the summit, 12,540 feet above the sea—one of the highest passes on the continent. Great drifts of snow lay around them. Where the ground was bare it was full of ice-water, but it was white with beautiful flowers where the snow had been a few days before. They had burst into bloom at the first hint of the sun's warmth. They were even found growing through the old snow at the edges of drifts.

There was a cabin on the summit in whose front yard was an immense snowdrift. This was July 14th. In the back yard was a prospect-hole

for which the owner was once offered \$40,000. It was now worthless. On that pass the snow was so deep in winter that a man could step over the telegraph wire. When it began to melt the going was simply terrible. But, with occasional blockades during some great storm, the freight teams and stages kept crossing; for over the mountains was a great booming mining-camp, whose supplies were brought in and its ore taken out over that pass. But the dead mules and horses, the broken wagons and sleds that lined the road, showed at what cost the traffic was carried on.

At the summit the passengers reëntered the stage, but in a few minutes they wished that they had not, for a sharp curve brought them to the edge of a precipice where they looked down 500 feet and saw the road below them. They looked farther down into a beautiful valley, through which the creek wound like a huge serpent or an endless letter S. A freight wagon just ahead of the stage came to a stop and could not or would not proceed. "Draw up close to the bank," shouted the driver, "and I think I can pass you on the outside." Some of the passengers trembled, and one of them at least was all ready to spring toward the bank if the stage went over the precipice. The outer wheel crumbled the dirt over the edge. But the stage passed in safety and the six horses went galloping down the winding sharp-curved road. Looking down over the rocks, they saw the dead mules and splintered wagons of an "outfit" that had gone over a few weeks before. The wagons were loaded with glass.

They drove through the deserted streets of Independence, which three years before had been filled with a surging tide of gold-seekers. Two or three houses only were occupied, and these by saloons. One man had held the fort all alone one winter, and he held all the town offices also. They plunged down into wild gorges. The Roaring Fork rapidly grew larger. The cañon closed in on them. Great rocks larger than houses lined the roadside, while others seemed ready to fall from overhanging cliffs. The mountains pierced the sky. Foaming streams leaped from mountain-tops and pierced the valley. Was that a snowdrift or a white cascade that you saw far up in that pine forest? It might have been either. Now they were surely in the very heart of the Rockies. How desolate, how wild, how grand everything was! "This," said an Irishman, "is what was left over after the world was made; and it is two rocks to one dirt."

In less than twenty miles they descended nearly 5,000 feet, and probably three-fourths of that descent was in ten miles. As they went lower the vegetation increased. They could reach out of the stage and pluck beautiful wild roses. Little garden patches began to appear. The stream was grown to be a river, but it was less like a wild beast, and it took an occasional rest by gliding quickly between grassy banks.

At seven o'clock they reached Aspen, covered with dust. The town was on a level plain two miles long and a mile wide, and was flanked on either side by lofty mountains in which were the wonderful deposits of gold and silver ore which had given the town a new start and have since made it the second mining town of Colorado. A day and two evenings of missionary work, and we started on our return trip. A rain had settled the dust, and at first the ride was delightful. The stage carried two swine, a dead one strapped on behind till it was left at a way station, and a live one that sat inside and puffed smoke in the faces of the passengers. He was finally told that while he might have a right to smoke he had no right to smoke other people. The man slowly saw the point, grunted and exchanged his pipe for a cigar. They reached the summit and went swiftly on down the rough road on the Atlantic side. Two ministers sat on the back seat. Some of the large logs in the corduroy road were missing. Suddenly the front wheels dropped a foot or two, and the ministers very promptly rose to their feet. The wheels were quickly jerked out of the rut, and the ministers took their seat, very promptly and solidly. Up they jointly rose again and sat down amid laughter. Up again and down again with surprising promptness. The driver quietly laughed and drove faster. "It seems to me," said one of the ministers, "that this (up again) is a (down) regular Episcopal service." "How do the stage wheels stand such rough usage?" asked one. "I don't know," was the reply, "but I think we have been standing a good deal." "Well," said the other, "I never supposed that I could become so theatrical and cut up such antics on the stage." All the passengers were just in the mood to laugh heartily at every attempt at witticism. They laughed till they cried as they went bouncing and bumping over stones and logs down that steep mountain road.

After dinner it began to rain. They were in an open stage with no umbrellas. Overcoats were soon soaked through. It rained four hours. The passengers had all stopped laughing. Somehow things did not seem so funny. The thunder reverberated grandly among the mountains. Above the timber line fresh snow was falling. In the distance the mountains were white with fresh snow. As they passed Twin Lake a rainbow of wondrous beauty rested, one end on the upper lake, and one on the pine forest. It was the facsimile of the bow which, eight years before, had so delighted the camping party one Sunday night at that same spot.

When they reached the railroad, the writer was so chilled through that he could scarcely walk straight. He boarded the train at dark and sat close to the hot fire until it scorched him. Oh, what a luxury the cars seemed after that ride! The rain beat against the windows, but what cared he? He curled up on the seat and slept as the train sped down the Arkansas, through the Grand Cañon and the Royal Gorge, past Cañon

City, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Palmer Lake. That ride in the rain with its extremes of temperature made him ill for days. He was absent from home four days, rode a day and a night on the cars, four hundred and ten miles, two days on the stage over one hundred miles, three times across the Continental Divide and back, and that trip was only one little item of a superintendent's work in Colorado.

In 1885 this same superintendent was on a missionary trip to Gunnison and Crested Butte, to which railroads had been built since his missionary trip to those places in 1880. At Crested Butte he found the pastor, now United States Senator from South Dakota, sick in bed and having many discouragements and discomforts, but bravely and cheerfully holding the fort and doing the best he could in that coal-mining town. A very large church building had been partially completed, and was a sort of elephant on the hands of the feeble church. Visiting Gunnison to look after the interests of the Building Society in the church which had been built in that place, now so dull, the writer heard much about a new town down in the Uncompaghe Valley. In a few days he visited the place. Down the Gunnison Valley, down for many miles through the wild romantic scenery of the Black Cañon, through which the Gunnison River when high dashed with awful force; up a side cañon, up a long steep grade for miles, and then down slides the train into the Uncompaghe Valley and to Montrose, about three hundred and fifty miles from Denver. A day spent in looking at the new town, looking out upon the valley and hearing about the ranches, about the crops, and about the markets in the mining towns among the neighboring mountains, convinced him that whatever discouragements and hard times there might be at first, that place could not help being an important town in the future. He decided to have a church there if it were possible, and found a number of people who were willing to join in the effort. There was already a Methodist church, but its pastor said heartily that, as long as other churches were bound to come, he would rather see one of the denomination represented by us, and he would give it a hearty welcome. He knew that if that church was started not so many others would be started, because it would gather to itself representatives of several denominations. The writer was there on Wednesday. On the next Saturday he had a man on the ground ready for work, and in four weeks he went back to organize a church. It was a fearfully hot day in August. Many of the people were off in the mountains trying to keep cool. Eleven names were given for the organization. The pastor of the Methodist church gave a short address and a hearty welcome to the new church. The audience was not large that evening. The restless crowd in that new community had gone to the courthouse to hear an infidel lecture. He



felt very sure, however, that long after that infidel had gone and all traces of his visit had disappeared, the church that day organized out of a few poor Christians would remain with its preaching services, its ordinances, its Bible school, its missionary society, and its prayer-meeting ; that it would build for itself a home whose spire would preach to men of heaven. Afterward in passing through that town on the cars we saw that spire, and knew that back of that infant church was a strong denomination of Christians and a great Home Missionary Society that would reach helping hands over mountain-ranges, giving money while it was needed and sympathy always ; that the church would increase ; that it would in all probability stay in that community for centuries, a permanently organized power for good. So we were not troubled or disturbed in mind because the crowd went to hear the infidel that night. He was pouring forth words that the wind would blow away like chaff. We were planting a seed that would grow. He gave his lecture and went his way. We were preparing the way for two anti-infidel lectures every week and for a permanent answer to all his arguments against the churches. That church had some discouraging times in after years, but it survived them, because it was a church of Christ, an organized fellowship of Christian people with a strong denomination back of it. Such churches in such towns are generally very hard fields for Christian work. The pastors are often exceedingly discouraged and their wives are often exceedingly homesick. It is a very rare thing for one pastor to remain with such a church through the first five or ten years of its history. The wonder is that more churches do not die young in the great West.



## FOR THE SILVER CIRCLE

BY MRS. H. M. UNION

### METAMORPHOSES

I HAVE been very much interested in noting the metamorphoses going on among the students in some of our Western colleges. This is especially noticeable in the case of young men of different nationalities, for a large proportion of the students are of foreign birth, and it is interesting to watch the process of assimilation. They come to the college awkward, right from the country ; some of them who call on the President, seeking information, forgetting even to take off their hats in his presence and in his own house. They come from the farm to the school. Mrs. Joseph Ward says : " The farm is the very best kind of a place to come from, and where a young man gets about the manliest,

most sensible, and practical start in life there is." This metamorphosis has been described by a Yankton College student in this wise:

SCENE 1.—A diffident youth, "homespun" in garb, speech, and manner. He wears a flannel shirt. He knows nothing of collar or necktie. His clothes, which hang on his large frame, do not "fit" and are guiltless of attention from brush or sponge; trousers lacking a couple of inches at the extremities; shoes coarse, and revealing the ravages of time and weather upon their pristine unpolished surface.

SCENE 2.—In process of evolution: Our young man dons first what is called, in Western parlance, a "biled shirt"—shirt still collarless. Soon buys a celluloid collar; wears this without a necktie, a resplendent collar button being considered ample in the way of adornment. Takes to brushing his old "cowhides," which he soon casts off for a pair that "takes the shine better." Makes up for deficiency of trousers below by adorning his head above with a less outlandish-looking hat. Procures and wears—shades of the rainbow!—a necktie gaudy enough to make a tulip weep for envy! Now the young man supposes himself "made"!

SCENE 3.—The barber is permitted to run a "mowing-machine" through an astonishing crop of hair. Our friend now wears both collar and cuffs; they are of linen; they are immaculate. A necktie of modest color and approved style replaces the one of rainbow tints. Meantime the whole appearance of the student has undergone a change, and the change is in the man himself as he straightens up and begins to respect himself more, and feels the man that he is capable of being stir within him. Now, it is the province of the Christian college to inculcate that kindness of heart and nobleness of soul which alone will give the true "finish" and "polish" to dress and manners.

Is it not glorious to think over this marvelous and interesting work of transformation that is constantly going on in these Western colleges? This character-building is something wonderful, and must be done right where these young people are, if done at all. These sons and daughters of the present civilization want an education, and though struggling against great odds, they mean to have it and are eager and willing to work for what they get.

Oh, friends of the East, hear the cry of thousands of boys and girls in the West, pleading for the same liberal education that you are giving to your own girls and boys!

Many a self-satisfied "society leader" would have looked down with contempt upon Abraham Lincoln the rail-splitter; but millions of America's noblest people to-day would gladly give all they possess for a tithe of his world-wide reputation as the patriot, the hero, the deliverer of his country, the Martyr President.

## FROM SOUTHERN MISSOURI

BY THE LATE REV. VICTOR E. LOBA

[This graphic statement of the intellectual, moral, and religious condition of the southern counties of Missouri is from the pen of one of the most valued missionaries of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. Few men are better qualified to observe, or more careful, just, and candid in reporting, the actual condition of a given field than was this able and excellent missionary. The report was written after five years' residence and self-sacrificing and effective labor among the people whom he described, and in whose spiritual welfare he felt and showed the deepest Christian interest. The Society and its work, indeed all the churches of the Southwest, sustained a heavy loss in Mr. Loba's lamented decease shortly after this report was written. In view of the good he was accomplishing, and, as far as man can see, would have effected, had he been spared, his death seems to us one of the mysteries of an All-wise Providence.—ED.]

THE missionary work in these lower counties—Howell, Ozark, Taney, Stone, and others—may not be termed unique nor any field in them strategic. I wish to mention a few items which may be depended upon, if we would understand the spiritual necessities of people comprised within these boundaries.

*First.*—The people are purely American. Nowhere on home missionary ground, I believe, can be found so large a territory with so small a foreign element. If you go to Dakota or Minnesota you will find there the Scandinavian, German, Bohemian, whose strange ways, strange tongues, and deep prejudices must first be learned, before one may be a successful messenger between the truth and the heart. Our large cities and often our small towns are cosmopolitan. "Our brother in black" stands in the gates of the South, and his past history and present demands confront us. These must be studied. The white brother's prejudices must be withstood or endured. But here in these counties one thing we may be assured of—we are American. Nor do we know much of any other country. Venezuela is to us an Isle of Atlantis lying in some far-off region, we know not where. The Armenian massacres mean to us the killing of some strange creatures by some wild animals in some unknown regions lying outside of God's moral heritage.

*Second.*—These people are poor. They have neither good clothing nor houses, and only the barest necessities of life. As for homes, they have the word but not the article.

*Third.*—They are shiftless and thriftless. Here one finds an utter want of system, whether in farming, thinking, or religion. A half-dozen facts are never used to produce one result. But one fact is worked for its one result and a second fact for its result; this, regardless of waste and conflict. There is no scheme, no plan, no picture presented to the mind's eye of what might be.

*Fourth.*—They are conservative. We may not find here the traditional corn in one end of the sack and a rock in the other to make it balance on the ox's back. But we find habits and modes of thought very like this.

*Fifth.*—Religiously, to use an unusual but applicable word, "Ye are too superstitious" or very religious; either translation would well apply to these Ozark people. These hills do not produce Bob Ingersolls. We have no "great Bible man who is an infidel." Rarely do we hear of a man as an atheist or even as an unbeliever. We have as many sects as there were tongues gathered together on the day of Pentecost. The only noted exceptions are Geneva and Plymouth Rock. We believe this is the leaven which is wanting to lift up this people.

*Sixth.*—The ignorance and inefficiency of the native preachers is appalling. We have been here nearly five years, have met in all sorts of gatherings, and traveled on horseback and in wagons hundreds of miles, and yet have never met a native preacher with anything more than the most meager education. As a general thing they are men who, having not succeeded as farmers, have taken up preaching.

*Seventh.*—And the last fact that I will mention. Almost the only and certainly the chief means of grace in the minds of the people is the annual or semi-annual "revival." Regular preaching, regular Sabbath-school, and regular prayer-meetings are not to be compared with the "Big Meeting," held under a booth, and attended by eight or ten preachers and by all the people from all the country around.

To be sure, the converts will need to be sought after, next year, but one that will "stick" in five hundred is enough to give the enterprise indorsement. And besides, "Are not these revivals the way we always did it?" This is all the argument needed. "The Gospel is free;" therefore, it would be "agin Scripture" to pay for it. If any one does not believe in giving and giving generously and giving continually, let him or her come down into this region and see what that thought has done for it. This little Congregational church is a small gleam upon the top of the hill. It is having a positive influence for good. It is about the only church hereabouts that gives and is taught to give.

One may gather from the above-mentioned facts some of the help and some of the hindrances to preaching the Gospel in these regions. I have not mentioned the isolation to which the minister is called, because it is not the object of this paper to speak of the workers, but only of the field. But it may be said that preachers and teachers are more willing to go to Africa, India, or Turkey than to come to these Ozark woods. They expect to meet heathens there, and are not disappointed. They do not expect to find heathens here in America, and are surprised at the poverty of material and the uncertainty with which events come to pass. We need here, as elsewhere, "the patience and perseverance of the saints." And we need



preachers and teachers who are willing to live on what they can get and who do not talk about what they "ought to have." There is no reason why a saint should eat more than a sinner; yet, as a frequent thing, he calls for a larger support. These regions need "A Wind from the Holy Spirit" like that which Brother Montgomery told of in Sweden, and we as laborers in his name call upon all of God's people to pray for such an outpouring. This and only this can change this section of our country from a condition of shallow worldliness to one of deep spiritual fervor.

### THE CYCLONE'S WORK

A HEAVY gale of wind, amounting to a cyclone and lasting from five to ten minutes, has blown down a tall chimney attached to our church. The chimney was very heavily built and securely braced, but the iron braces were twisted like wires, and the weight of the chimney when it was once started stopped at nothing. It crashed through the roof, tearing a hole some six feet wide and twenty feet long, and through the floor of the unfinished auditorium into the finished basement, striking that with such force as to cut holes in the cement floor, which is six inches thick. A portion passed through the roof of the study, ruining furniture and some books. Most of my library, however, was on one side of the fall, and though covered with soot and dust was practically uninjured; a few books were damaged by water, but most of the water was blown by the force of the wind over the low wall of the study.

The old frame church, which we have not yet sold, but which is rented to another congregation, received part of the blow, and had a large hole torn in the roof and floor and gas-pipes broken. Pieces of slate from the roof were carried by the wind 120 feet, with sufficient force to break windows. It will require several hundred dollars to repair the damage, and this will be a hard matter for us to raise.—*Braddock, Pa.*

### DANGEROUS DELAY

FEW days pass in which some unsaved miner is not either killed or badly injured in our mines. The work of visiting the injured takes no small part of my time and strength. Only yesterday I labored with a miner, who was hurt six weeks ago, until he found peace with Christ. He had been an openly godless man. Although we can but rejoice at a conversion even at the eleventh hour, it seems to me sad that it should be left till then. It is so fearfully uncertain, and the delay sets a most injurious example.

The prayer-meetings have been improving both in interest and attendance, lately numbering forty-seven. The church membership has doubled in six months, which is hopeful, but there are so many who attend church and know the plan of salvation who do not give up to God. I am hungering for their conversion, and am full of hope that the ingathering this season will be larger than ever before. Four new members are to come next Sunday. The Sunday-school is rapidly growing, recently running up to 125 attendants. The classes are well organized, graded, and provided with the best available teachers. I find the Gospel has all its old drawing and keeping power, and its persistent proclamation wins souls rather than popularity. Pray for me that I may be found faithful.—*Missouri.*



### WORKING AMIDST TRIALS

SCARLET fever has prevailed here, and only God can fill the empty hearts and homes that it has left behind. The dread disease visited many of our homes and took loved ones; from one family one, from another two, from another three, etc. For about eight weeks all public gatherings were prohibited. Our Sunday-school, prayer-meetings, and preaching services were all closed during the reign of the epidemic, and pastoral visiting was practically suspended, as every one feared each visitor might carry contagion. Our work has just begun to recover from the forced suspension of services, but many have gone to the mountains and elsewhere, and we cannot hope for a complete resumption of work until these return.

Individually our hearts have been made sad and our home lonely. During the epidemic our only child was stricken, and after two weeks of suffering was taken. He is another treasure laid up in heaven. We try to bow submissively and say, "Thy will be done." Our loss has worked for us a great hardship aside from our lonely hearts and home. The unforeseen expense of sickness and death has been hard, but we "look unto the hills from whence cometh our help." We take up our work gladly again, believing that all things work together for good to those who love God. That work is not easy, yet we expect to overcome all things.—*Oregon.*



### IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA

WHEN we commenced the work here ours was the most southerly Congregational church on the mainland of the United States, the Island church on Key West being the only one further south in the country; but

the organization of the church at Miami obliges us to concede to it our former claim. I have held services and organized a Sunday-school nine miles south of here, where the people are trying to start a new town, but financial matters went hard, and, later, people were sorely discouraged by the destruction of their crops by frost. Some had to desert the place, seek new work temporarily, hoping to return to their northern homes. Three were laid at rest beside old ocean's rolling surf.

During the first few months of this year the sadness and sorrow, the hardships, the sufferings, and disappointments of these settlers, could they all be known, would melt into tenderness even the most stoical ; none the less from the fact that some, the most unsuited to that kind of life and work, with means too slender to make their venture a possible success, were, as such always are, among the first to catch at the offers of "land agents" and "town-builders." I have looked forward to the organization of a church there, and am looking still. I might tell of the hundreds of miles I have walked to do this work—work done literally in the sweat of the brow : yes, of the whole body ; of the chilly nights spent under a canvas tent, when it was impossible to sleep for want of sufficient covering ; but I forbear, for I have had somewhere to lay my head, and under those circumstances no loyal servant should complain.

During the mosquito season we had temporarily to discontinue our week-night prayer-meetings. Those who have never experienced it cannot conceive the virulence of the attack of untold myriads of the little pests. I had five miles of personal experience of them one Sunday night in a rowboat, and now I know how it is myself.



## THAT YEAR OF DESTINY, 1846

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IN undertaking to tell something about the early work of the Home Missionary Society in the Great Salt Lake Basin and the Territories adjacent, it seems to be every way fitting, if not also even necessary, to set forth from the beginning of civilized settlement upon the Pacific Coast and throughout the Rocky Mountains—that vast region of which the one more especially under view is only a fraction—and even to recall in fewest words how it came to pass that, only a brief half-century ago, the western half of this continent ceased to be foreign soil and was added to the national domain. The entire story is altogether unique and most thrilling, while the events to pass under rapid review belong among the *memorabilia* of American history, and easily take rank with the chiefest of

the many remarkable providences which from the first have attended our career as a people. The date which stands above marks a veritable epoch. It is no sentimental exaggeration of its importance to place 1846 even in the same category with 1620, 1776, and 1865. To justify such a classification we have but to note how in what widely different realms what forces were just then coöperating to produce momentous changes by giving great enlargement and increase of resources to the Republic and to the kingdom of God in the Western World.

It was in 1845 that Texas was annexed and admitted to the Union, with the Mexican war following as consequence within a twelvemonth, whose outcome was utter defeat and humiliation to our sister republic, with the loss of about one-third of her territory. With slight difficulty New Mexico was conquered and held by our arms, and during the same eventful summer of California was transferred from Castilian to Anglo-Saxon hands almost without the shedding of blood. It is sufficiently strange to see these vast acquisitions so easily made, but the wonder grows when we remember it was during the same year that a dispute long and bitter, between Great Britain and the United States, and which more than once had seriously threatened war ("Fifty-four forty, or Fight"), was ended by treaty, and Oregon soon became ours beyond dispute. At the close of the Revolution, excepting Florida and a narrow strip along the Gulf, we possessed the continent as far west as the Mississippi. Twenty years later, by the purchase of Louisiana, our boundaries were extended to the remote crest of the Rockies, the national domain was more than doubled, and reached about 1,800,000 square miles; and now behold! just seventy years after the Declaration of Independence, including Texas and her claims, within a few months our proportions expand to 3,000,000, almost equaling Europe, and become truly imperial. The Stars and Stripes are supreme from ocean to ocean, including a coast line of 2,500 miles upon the Pacific. At a single bound America has attained to the estate of a first-class power among the nations of the earth.

Though a mention in this august connection may appear absurd, an event trifling by comparison, and yet important because of certain weighty results which have flowed from it, should be referred to in passing. About two decades before, in Western New York, the virus of Mormonism had begun to gather and operate. The baleful center of the mischief was soon removed to Ohio and Missouri, and finally to Illinois, where the "prophet" Joseph Smith, in the midst of his preposterous schemes, and for his evil deeds, was slain in 1844. Nor was it long after that life in Nauvoo was found to be impossible for his deluded followers, and his successor, Brigham Young, began search for a new place of refuge. The report of Fremont's explorations beyond the mountains had just been published, and the belief was kindled that the tempest-tossed Latter-day



"Saints" could find their Canaan either in Oregon or Upper California, both at the time non-American. As pioneers, early in 1846 a shipload of Mormons were dispatched from New York to San Francisco, *via* Cape Horn, and in due season reached their destination. Not many weeks after long trains of wagons began to cross the Mississippi, pushed their way across the empty spaces of Iowa, and halted for the season in the vicinity of Council Bluffs, to raise a crop in preparation for the residue of their tremendous journey. While tarrying here a battalion of their young men were enlisted into the army, which was making ready for the subjugation of Northern Mexico. By the end of 1847 some thousands were fixed in the vicinity of the Great Salt Lake, including the members of the battalion, who, after their discharge in California, had made their way into the valley. But, alas for the peace of mind of all these immigrants! since they left Nauvoo the entire Pacific slope had passed under the sway of the Government from which they had dared and endured so much to escape. The important *rôle* which this outlandish company of religionists were providentially called to play in the settlement and development of the whole Cordilleran region will appear in a later paragraph.

So much for some of the more striking events of the year under view. And next some words concerning their far-reaching results, and through these their transcendent significance to the nation and the world. First, by the discovery of gold so speedily ensuing, later of silver also, together with mineral wealth in greatest variety and abundance, as well as of agricultural resources almost without limit, a prodigious rush of population ensued to the newly acquired realm—a migration of the masses which for magnitude has never been equaled in the history of the race. It is true that before 1846 a few thousand Americans had found their way into the valley of the Columbia, and some hundreds had crossed the Sierras, as it seemed then only by a journey to the very ends of the earth. But when, in February, 1848, numerous glittering grains were discovered in the gravel of Captain Sutter's mill-race (some ten days *before* this nineteenth century Ophir had become definitely ours by the signature of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo), and the startling intelligence flew forth far and wide, excited gold hunters by the ten thousand and the hundred thousand began to pour in from the East and from all the wide world over, up the Platte and over the mountains, across the Isthmus and around the Horn. So that where hitherto had been but a wilderness as good as unknown and empty of inhabitants, within two brief years a large population was found, a new commonwealth had been set up and admitted into the Union, and it had almost literally come to pass that a nation had been born in a day.

And further, a most striking phenomenon appeared. Or, this complete revolution was wrought in the order and method of migration and settle-

ment in the New World. To be sure, a great watery\*gap had been spanned when the first colonists had crossed the Atlantic and established homes in the forests of the eastern border. But afterwards, when the area of settlement began slowly to enlarge, the furthest frontier was seldom at any considerable distance from the older communities; only a few miles, at most but a few hundred. From Virginia there was emigration over into Tennessee and Kentucky; from New England into New York, Ohio, Illinois, etc. It was in this natural, gradual, methodical way that the seaboard and the eastern half of the Mississippi Valley had been peopled. The Missouri River now constituted our extreme limit towards the setting sun. Iowa was the remotest of the sisterhood of States, and the bulk of its inhabitants were found within the eastern third of its area. Yet further north the red man still held full possession. As late as 1847 St. Paul contained but three white families. But a tremendous break was at hand in this march of progress, so orderly and step by step for more than two centuries. Of a sudden, by a prodigious leap, the frontier was shifted over nearly two-thirds of the breadth of the continent, across the Great Plains and the vast stretch of mountains, and was planted upon the Pacific. More than 2,000 miles were left behind untouched and with scarcely a white occupant. Nor was it long before a complete reversal was seen of the famed historic dictum, "Westward the course of empire takes its way;" for by a reflux wave, the placers of California failing, a wild chase ensued after gold diggings in Nevada, Utah, Colorado, as well as in Idaho and Montana, so that these Territories were largely settled from the West. Moreover, by this phenomenally rapid peopling of the Pacific slope vastly improved means of communication were imperatively demanded and became possible. By the end of the first decade from 1849 the overland stage line came into being, the pony express and the telegraph soon after, and the Pacific Railroad before the close of the second decade. Other lines have since been added, so that now all the interior spaces have become easily accessible, and the entire national domain will be inhabited sooner by fifty or even a hundred years.

It may well be, indeed it is more than likely to be, that the historian who in future days reviews the course of development through which this nation has passed will conclude that the chief significance of the period we are now considering is not to be found in any of the facts yet noted, but rather in this, that in extending our borders to include the western slope, a magnificent and momentous outlook was secured towards the East; we became near neighbor to the Orient with its myriads, or at length came to face the Old World no longer merely from across the Atlantic, but from both sides of the continent. From henceforth we could not remain isolated, but of necessity became a world-factor and a world-force. In spite of ourselves we began to enter into closest intercourse

with humanity. How impressive the fact, it was less than a decade of the date of the first hoisting of the Stars and Stripes in California that with the aspect of war, though with the spirit of peace in his heart, Commodore Perry knocked resolutely and most effectually at the long-sealed gates of Japan, and with astounding results for civilization and Christianity. Who can doubt that it is in the Divine design that in some way our simple, untrammelled faith, our intelligence, and in due season our civil liberty also, yes, our democracy, are to spread and become universal? This lofty conception of our mission, this inspiring foregleam of unspeakable blessings to flow from this nation to lands beyond the Pacific, came early to some who stood upon the watch-towers of Zion, as the pages of *The Home Missionary* declare as far back as 1849.

Such was the Lord's matchless and mysterious way of making this nation to be not only big but also great; and it is marvelous in our eyes. And of course the Gospel must be carried to this new region, the foundations of the Kingdom of Heaven must be laid. Nor could it but be that this sudden and colossal enlargement, this unprecedented transfer of population across hundreds of leagues, should thrust rudely upon the attention of the Society problems most novel and serious, and of magnitude so great as to be nothing less than appalling. In 1835 the "American Board" had sent its representatives to Oregon. But what was then foreign was now a portion of the home realm. Just twenty years before, the Society had been organized. Hitherto its task, though burdensome by comparison with what was now at hand, was exceedingly tame, and simple, and easy of performance. The field was not so very remote from headquarters, and the new settlements, as to the character and occupations of the inhabitants, were substantially like the old ones. But now the distance to be traversed, judged by difficulties to be overcome, by the cost in expenditure of time and money, was as great as that which separated from Africa, India, or the Islands of the Sea. The work lay beyond the pale of established society, of law, and almost of civilization. It was a floating population, half crazed with thirst for gold. Few homes existed, and womankind was well-nigh fatally absent. Roughness and vileness of every description were everywhere, vice and crime were shameless and rampant. Here at least it was true that emigration tends fearfully to barbarism. But these were their brethren; they went out largely from their homes, and their spiritual destitution was extreme. Those in charge of the work at once perceived the situation, and rose grandly to the height of the occasion.

Two other phenomena remain to be mentioned, which were part and parcel of the outcome of the forces that wrought so famously in 1846. It was wholly under the inspiration of the slave power that the Mexican war was inaugurated and fought through, and that the northern provinces



were seized and held. The free States were multiplying so rapidly that in order to maintain the balance of North and South in Congress, it was necessary to gain more slave territory in some direction, and such was to be found only in the southwest. Out of Texas alone several States could be carved, while New Mexico and California would supply others where needed. Well, the plotters succeeded to the utmost of their desires, their conscienceless deed was done to perfection. And yet, behold how quickly their jubilation was changed to grief! It was even this their shining achievement which wrought their utter ruin. Instead of securing for their cherished institution an indefinite lease of life and a dominating influence in the councils of the nation, its overthrow and annihilation were greatly hastened. Texas refused to be divided, and was the last State to be admitted with slavery. In 1850 the golden prize they sought upon the Pacific came into the Union, but with freedom in its constitution. Made desperate, the Missouri Compromise was repealed and the Fugitive Slave Law was enacted, and a little later a plot was formed to capture Kansas for bondage at all hazards. This however only sufficed to make the struggle tenfold more bitter and the end came in secession, and rebellion, and emancipation, and final victory at Appomattox. And thus did the wrath of man praise God. Even so it was that the Republic was helped forward prodigiously towards its glorious destiny.

And finally, another glance towards the Mormons is in order. Remember, it was to escape from restraint and even observation, to be free from interference, to be allowed to do what was right and pleasant in their own eyes, that they had set forth from Nauvoo, and the next year from the Missouri. As things were just then, once through South Pass they would be on soil both foreign and practically without ownership or ruler. But alas! while tarrying to make ready for a final push across the plains and mountains, the flag of the Union was raised in all the region about the Golden Gate, and Oregon became American (the treaty was signed June 6th, the ratifications were exchanged July 7th, and the proclamation was made August 5th). Yes, and the Mormon battalion had actually helped to complete the conquest! When Brigham Young made the final choice of location for his church and kingdom, the Great Basin was still at least nominally Mexican; but the next February ownership passed over to the United States, and these would-be independents found themselves again amenable to law. Next, with enterprise and energy worthy of a better cause, these theocrats, to pluck victory from the jaws of defeat, made all haste to secure a population sufficient and to gain statehood for Deseret, extending from the Sierras to the Rockies. But Congress deemed the tutelage and subjection of a territorial estate more fitting to their case. A little later, upon the discovery of the precious metals all about, hordes of miners began to pour in, to be henceforth a sore thorn in the flesh.



And when the swelling tide of emigration to the Sacramento and the San Joaquin set in, for two full decades the Mormons supplied an exceedingly convenient, if not an absolutely essential, half-way house as a resting-place and depot of supplies in the midst of those 2,000 miles of terrible desert. Tens of thousands were thus helped on their laborious journey. And then, as a final service to the nation which they hated and abhorred, which like the other was not willingly bestowed but almost in spite of themselves, their presence in Utah in large numbers made the construction of the railroad much more easily possible. For hundreds of miles both east and west of Salt Lake it was Mormon muscle and Mormon teams that performed the bulk of the labor of grading and track-laying. And so it was that here again the wrath (and folly, and even iniquity) of man was made to praise God, and the crazy schemes of pseudo-prophets, apostles, and hierarchs were overruled to the substantial furtherance of this nation and the Kingdom of Heaven.



### TRIBUTE TO REV. WILLIAM A. MCGINLEY

WILLIAM ANDERSON MCGINLEY was born February 15, 1831, in the fifth generation of a Scotch-Irish family that have for 150 years occupied the same home at Fairfield, near Gettysburg, Pa. He pursued his college course at Gettysburg and Chambersburg. He read law, and was admitted to the bar at Gettysburg afterward, about 1854 or 1855, and located in the practice of law at Toledo, Iowa, then a rude frontier village. Becoming interested in the religious work to which his after life was devoted, he abandoned the practice of law, and for a short time taught Latin and Greek at the then young University of Iowa, in Iowa City. Afterward, for a time, while pursuing his theological studies, he lived on the Mississippi, at Muscatine, Iowa.

During his life in that State at that early day, he contracted severe malarial poisoning from the miasm consequent upon the breaking up of the prairie soil, and perhaps owing to local conditions near the river, from the effects of which he suffered much throughout his life. From Iowa he went to Oberlin, Ohio, to pursue his preparation for the ministry, and afterward graduated from Andover Theological Seminary about the year 1858. In July, 1860, he was married, at Dudley, Mass., to his devoted wife, Eliza B. Fay, of Shrewsbury, Mass. His charges in the order of time were: Shrewsbury, Mass., seven years; Newburyport, Mass., four years; Gloversville, N. Y., six years; Brooklyn, N. Y., four years, where he was pastor of the Ross Street Presbyterian Church, which he lifted out of a crushing and theretofore hopeless state of indebtedness. Worn out

with his labors there, he next took a charge at Greenfield, Mass., for a year and a half ; thence in Portsmouth, N. H., for ten years. While there he was chosen to deliver the sermon on an occasion of almost national importance, the thanksgiving service to welcome back Lieutenant Greely and the survivors of his Arctic expedition. Thence he moved to Emporia, Kan., for two years, where he had a severe illness from grip, from which he never fully recovered. Thence he returned to Shrewsbury, Mass., for about three years, thus rounding out the cycle of his ministry at the Atlantic coast at the place where he received his first charge and married the wife of his youth. Finally, considerations of the health of himself and relatives brought him to California.

He settled as pastor of this people May 24, 1895. His death occurred in his home at Chula Vista, after an illness of some six weeks, at 10:30 A.M., on May 25, 1896, being the day following the close of his year's pastorate here, and of his continuous service in the ministry the thirty-ninth.

During the Civil War he served as a member of the Christian Commission, and as such was engaged on the field of Antietam through the progress of the battle, in the succor of the wounded and the consolation of the dying. He also engaged in like work at Gettysburg, coming upon the field just after the battle.

Almost a year ago this people gathered to receive him and his wife to their pastorate. It fell upon me to give some expression to the people's welcome and their joy. After giving some sketch of the founding and growth of this community, I remember saying, among other things : " So it has come to us that after eight years we have somehow, in the good providence of God, received a settled pastor ; who is not here alone, not an evening guest to depart on the morrow, but settled here with his family."

Alas ! he has departed ; for him it is the eternal to-morrow. Many now recall how he said, in his response, that he had long had the presentiment that he should end his days on this coast. We little thought that it was a prophecy to be so soon fulfilled.

Great as was our joy to receive him of whom we then knew so little, how much profounder is our sorrow to part with him whom we soon learned to admire, to love, and to honor so much !

It was no ordinary blessing that this community should for one golden, though broken, year have been under the influence of this remarkable man. From that early sermon by which he arrested our attention—in which he said to us with the manly directness so characteristic of him : " I shall speak as I believe ; do you think as you please"—we have found that we were but being led into larger faith and into that larger liberty wherewith, according to the apostle's conception, Christ makes us free—the liberty in which he himself lived and loved and taught.

The variety, the power, the exquisite harmony of his spoken discourse, we shall in the time to come fondly recall ; upon his personal dignity and the grace and sweet charm of his personality we can, in the freshness of our bereavement, not yet in spoken word bear to dwell—not now, while all that through which they shone lies before us in the silent majesty of death.

We must now surrender this dear body to be laid in the ancestral ground. He loved us ; he loves us still. It is hard, very hard, for us to say with the sorrowing one of old, but we will strive to say it, for he himself would have had us say it, "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the Lord." H.

CHULA VISTA, CAL.



### COMITY

THE talk about another denomination crowding into a near-by town, and yet another denomination trying to capture one of our missionary schoolhouse congregations, reminds me of some of the "comity" I have seen at the West. For instance, during grasshopper times I rode eight miles, in all weathers, every other Sunday for a year, to preach to a congregation in a schoolhouse. No one else cared enough for these people to preach to them once during the year. I was then just from the East, and did not know what I know now, so I made no attempt to organize them—simply preached the Gospel and visited the families. At the end of the year a minister from another denomination preached two of the alternate Sundays and organized most of the people into a church of his sort.

In a neighboring town one of our brethren had preached for three years, and then gave notice that on the following Sunday they would have a council to organize a Congregational church. I was invited on the council. On arriving I found that a minister of another denomination had come down on the previous Thursday night, and organized a church of their order, though not one of them had ever preached a sermon in that place.

We sent different men to look over another field. They decided that there were more people belonging to our church than to any sister church, and so reported. Our Superintendent of Missions sent word that he would come on the Sunday after next, and at their desire gather them into a Congregational church ; but he never did, for on the next Sunday the missionary of a sister denomination—who had been a book agent, and was an unscrupulous man—went in and persuaded the people not to wait, but to organize a church after his kind. And they did, on

that Sabbath. At H. a Congregational church had been established some years, and over \$1,000 of missionary money had been put in by our Society to aid it. An unscrupulous minister of another communion, knowing that his own ecclesiastical body would not recognize the church, if he organized it there, set up a church on his farm, a few miles out, and after it was recognized moved it into the town of 400 people, and ran an opposition church there, to the discouragement of our brethren, until his church ran out, and the good sense of the few that remained led them to disband and unite with ours. I might add several more such instances, but these will suffice to show how sometimes "comity" is and has been forgotten, to the detriment of God's cause and kingdom.—CINEREUS.



### TEMPORARY SUNDAY REST

OUR "season" closed about a month ago, and for a few months now we shall have a rest from Sunday excursions, etc. Our Sunday "attractions" outside the church and Sunday-school are too strong for many of our own people to resist, and it is a sad thing to see how even professing Christians join in the open desecration of the Sabbath. During the summer a dead whale was found floating in the ocean by some fishermen. One of the railroad companies secured it, brought it ashore, advertised it widely, and on Sunday 20,000 people came to see it. That night I preached "Lessons from a Whale Story," and got a good congregation; and like the young minister of Drumtochty got a chance to "say a gude word for Jesus Christ" to some who do not listen very often. We have to do our work against such things—whales, balloons, swimming matches, barbecues, etc., besides the ever-present saloon which "our best citizens" declare a necessity.—*California.*



### COMPULSORY SUNDAY LABOR

OUR congregations do not grow. One cause especially is working not only against our church but against all. The complaint is universal that Sunday work is killing the congregations, even the oldest and strongest. Men are compelled to work longer hours than ever before, and there is much more work done on Sunday. Practically none of it is necessary in the strict sense; and careful investigation, I think, proves that most of it could be dispensed with, with no pecuniary loss to the company. But changes in the management have put into control men whose tendencies



are largely in the wrong direction. There are men connected with our church who have not had a Sunday free from labor for three months, and these instances are not isolated. The men cannot help themselves. To object is to lose their job, and that means starvation. I can say nothing where it will do any good. The clergy of the town, without regard to sect or language, united in an effort to lessen the amount of Sunday work. They were received, without exception, in a gentlemanly way, but accomplished absolutely nothing. The employment of men on Sunday is forbidden by law in this State, and the fine is twenty-five dollars for each offense. But for us to offer to enforce the law would be to bring the powers that be down on every member of our churches in their employ. We do not feel ready to do that ; though we might, did we not know that before we could fight the battle through all the courts, the employers would simply move on to Harrisburg and repeal the law. As it is, the law is of some value, and there is a natural hesitation before taking steps that may lose for us this little good.—*Pennsylvania.*



### SELF-DENIAL FOR THE DEBT

THE debt of our Home Missionary Society and the emergency now before us has come to us all as a call for our best effort. I have preached on Home Missions twice in the last three or four months. As the day for our offering approached, I wrote a pastoral letter inclosing an envelope and a generous selection of home missionary literature to each family or person likely to give (even to some not so likely). Then on the Sunday morning I again presented the needs and called for the offering.

My wife and I said "*Come!*" on this ; then our Ladies' Society and about thirty others gave enough to make fifty-three dollars. We are greatly pleased, for it represents a good deal for our little church with no wealth and much expense. One old lady over sixty had saved fifty cents in her mite box. She got a chance to do some sewing for which she was paid a dollar, and gave it also. A woman whose husband has been sick and out of work for months, and who supports the family by dressmaking, gave a dollar. From a family of six where the father depends on day work, a dollar. A carpenter with four adults in the family, and often out of work, gave a dollar and a half. A school-teacher who supports herself, her mother, and an aged aunt, and who had no school all last year, sends *five dollars*. I stand my share. Have worn my best coat three and a half years, and will probably have to use my straw hat all winter. Some papers must go, and some needed books remain unpurchased.—*California.*

## “SICK, AND YE VISITED ME”

THIS mission field, like many others, is new, and the most of the people here are beginners. On this account much of the missionary's time and strength are taken up in visiting the sick and poor in their lowly homes, and helping them with what clothing we can spare to defend them from the coming cold winter.

I should like to take one of the friends of Home Missions along with me for a little trip. Going through the woods a few miles we find a little cottage. We rap at the door, and the weak voice of a child bids us “Come in.” As we enter we see one, two, three, four, five children, the eldest not yet ten years old; their clothing is shabby, the parents are so poor. Why are they poor? From sickness. The house-mother has lain sick in bed about six months, and we find that it is our duty to help this poor family as well as to talk to them of Christ's love for us.

We visit another family. The husband is out working. The wife is sick in bed with consumption and her strength all gone. A little child two months old is by her side crying and wanting help. Two little children are on the floor playing, trying to enjoy themselves as best they can. We talk with their mother and find that she has little or no bed clothing for the family. Some of them have to spend their nights by the side of the sick wife. So one must help them get the needed articles to make them comfortable. While I was writing these lines, I received word that this sick mother had moved away to a better home where there is no sickness, need, or trouble. The condition of many other families is not unlike these, but I have not space to write about them now.—*Minnesota.*



## IN NEED OF CHRISTIAN WORK

I WAS never before in a community whose morals were so bad. The prevailing sins are drunkenness and impurity. Both are very difficult to attack—the latter from its nature, and the former because of the almost universal prevalence of drinking customs and the high social standing of the saloon business. Public and promiscuous dancing, masquerade balls, cards, and billiards are the amusements of the people, and are followed assiduously by almost every one. All kinds of characters frequent the ballroom without discrimination, and parents send or take their children of tender age and allow them to participate. Even the church fair of the — people on a recent Saturday evening closed with a grand ball continuing till five o'clock Sunday morning. No wonder that men and

women, young and old, boys and girls, are being rapidly drawn down into this vortex of corruption and ruin. I almost feel sometimes that I am a foreign missionary. You can partly know how deeply we feel the need of the earnest and continuous prayers of Christian people, and we do most earnestly entreat them. Such conditions as prevail here will require the patient and faithful work of years to overcome, or else such a sudden and gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we hope and pray may come soon.—*California.*



### “FATHER NICHOLS”

ON the eighth of October, at Mission Hill, South Dakota, with music, feasting, congratulatory addresses from ministers and laymen, and reading of poems and letters from friends in twelve States and the District of Columbia, was joyfully celebrated the eightieth anniversary of the birth of Rev. Danforth B. Nichols. His varied life, from his birth in the home of a poor miller and his wife in Rehoboth, Mass., to this eightieth anniversary in the then unknown faraway “land of the Dakotas,” has been one of genuine romance. In boyhood his health was poor; after a brief course in the district school he was apprenticed to a tailor, and afterwards learned something of the baker’s trade—two branches of learning that later stood him in good stead when compelled to work his way through college and into the ministry. For to college he went—two colleges, indeed: first to Granville, then to Oberlin, into which he walked from Elyria, where he left the stagecoach and his trunk, being unable to pay his fare beyond that point. Here he supported himself while pursuing his studies by sawing, splitting, and piling wood, watching and milking cows, making children’s wagons and wheelbarrows, weeding professors’ gardens, tending their wives’ babies, acting as college baker, mending clothes and shoes for the students. Not only did he pay his way, but boasted that, by good financiering, he increased his capital 150 per cent., having entered Oberlin with ten cents in his pocket and leaving it at his graduation with twenty-five!

After teaching schools in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana for eight years, he was licensed to preach, and in 1849 was commissioned at the hands of our former secretary, Dr. Milton Badger, as a Home Missionary in Warren, Iowa. Here he not only preached, but, among other offices, was postmaster, member of the schoolboard, notary public, church and pulpit builder, church painter, etc., with a salary of \$250, and all he could use of beets, hay, cabbages, and potatoes.

Later he was Western Secretary for Iowa and Illinois of the Massa-

chusetts Sabbath-School Society, city missionary in Chicago, founder and first superintendent of its Reform School, searched a good part of Europe for facts concerning pauperism and crime, became superintendent of the Michigan Reform School, and carried its fever and ague to Scituate, Mass., where he taught a classical school. The civil war took him to South Carolina as teacher and preacher to the freedmen. There he was made superintendent of "contrabands" in Washington; had charge of the land abandoned by the rebels in Arlington, where he supervised five camps and 6,000 men. Then he was in the third auditor's office of the Treasury Department; next, superintendent of buildings, and later a corporator, trustee, librarian, curator of the museum, and finally lecturer in the theological department of Howard University, from the medical department of which he was graduated in its first class. The years 1874 to 1880 were given to preaching in Illinois, whence in 1880 he went as pastor to Bon Homme, Dakota (Territory), where he built another church. Thence making his way in 1887 to Mission Hill, he undertook the pastorate of the new Congregational church, which he is still most acceptably serving, not having in all these years missed a single sermon, nor being tardy at one service.

This space has been given to the career of our beloved and respected "Father Nichols," that our readers may see and honor a specimen of the Massachusetts Yankee transplanted to the West. Long may he still live to preach Christ to his loving people; to allure them to brighter worlds, and lead the way.



## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

BY MRS. C. L. GOODELL, BOSTON

[The following is an extract from the annual address of Mrs. Goodell as President of the Woman's Home Missionary Association, in Boston, October 28, 1896. Her general theme was "Self-Denial for Christ's Sake." After commending self-denial as expressed in dress, in thank offerings, New Year's offerings, and birthday offerings, she comes to treat at greater length of Christmas offerings. Her suggestions in this line we quote and commend to our readers because of their Christian good sense and timeliness. —ED.]

LASTLY in this golden chain come the *Christmas offerings*, the glad song and vision of the angels brightening with the nearer blessed realization, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" It is this offering we are next approaching to which I wish to call your special attention to-day, for it has been borne in upon me for some time past that there is one way in which we may unite and strengthen one another to increase our offering to missions *this year*.



At the risk of being criticised for meddling with time-honored customs, I would suggest that, for once at least, we break away from our habit of exchanging Christmas presents with our nearer friends and relatives, and place the amount, more or less, we should otherwise spend for this purpose in the Lord's treasury.

This at first may shock your sense of propriety, and you may say it can't be done. But let us look at the matter candidly for a moment, and see if some light does not break in. We will suppose a typical case. Here is a lady blessed with a family of her own—a husband, and three or four children, perhaps. Not far away are the families of her beloved parents and of her brothers and sisters, forming a group of uncles and aunts and cousins and nieces and nephews almost without number—the more the better when they come to the Christmas gathering or tree. In addition to these of kin, she has a circle of choice and intimate friends—friends, it may be, of the years—who have always been included in her Christmas benefactions, and who in turn favor her in like manner. All of these dear ones must be “remembered” with some gift adapted in style and value to the age and supposed taste and predilection of each.

As the time approaches she carefully makes out her list and plans for one after another separately, spending days of thought over the matter. Then come the selection and purchase, and finally the arranging of the numerous parcels securely for the mails or other conveyance. In all this she finds infinite delight, of course. Her own heart is kindled and other hearts respond through the medium of these material gifts, and Christmas joys are multiplied in many homes. Granting this to be true, and the custom well worth perpetuating to a wholesome extent, yet I long to show unto you a more excellent way. Let me repeat my suggestion. It is this: that for once we break away from our habit of exchanging Christmas presents with our nearer friends and relatives, and place the amount we should otherwise spend for this purpose in the Lord's treasury.

This suggestion will, of course, allow of all proper limitations, such as would affect those about us in need or destitution, or who are in any measure dependent upon us for cheer or help. Narrowing the circle down as much as we may wish, there will still be left ample opportunity for carrying out this plan.

If our typical lady adopts it, think what it will mean in her own case, just in dollars and cents, saying nothing of the real joy of her sacrifice for Christ's sake—for we will grant it did cost her a bit of a struggle. Then if others follow her lead by the tens and hundreds, who can compute the sum thus diverted from a lower to a higher end, or the astonishing figures that will tell the story of the wonderful increase to our missionary treasury in this year of pressure? Why, there is not one of us but would be so happy and proud (I use this word in a sanctified

sense) over the result, that we should wonder we had never attempted it before !

This plan, if carried out, I hear you say, will necessitate some adjusting in its details. Yes, we shall want to enlist as many of our friends as possible *beforehand*, acquaint them with our project, and get them to join us in it, so that their gifts to us may be withheld for the same reason that ours will be withheld from them. We can easily arrange a mutual understanding with them, whereby we shall agree simply to send each other a brief, personal, written word of greeting at Christmas time, expressive of our love and good wishes, and which shall this year take the place of the customary Christmas present.

Think of this, my friends. It will *grow* upon you, I am sure. And if you decide to join and help make it a general thing, it will insure you one of the happiest and most joyous of all your Christmas seasons ! Nor would I leave out of our reckoning the large number of young people and children in our mission circles. Let us offer them this privilege too.

When the plan, now so nearly universal, was first introduced into our Sunday-schools of substituting Christmas offerings for the needy in place of the Christmas tree bending under the weight of presents for our own children, do you not remember with what alacrity and zeal they entered in ? Surely there was no more beautiful sight than that of class after class marching up the aisle in quick succession, with glowing faces and laden hands, carrying their gifts and bestowing them upon God's altar. Would they not be just as ready to adopt a plan such as I have proposed ?



## ANSWER TO A LETTER ABOUT BOXES

BY MRS. FLORA K. REGAL

You think that if all the churches write for a family to work for, we must have more barrels than families. This would be so, indeed, if the societies were easily suited. Most of them, however, want the regulation family of about six girls and a baby. As we do not manufacture these families, it is impossible to supply the demand. On the other hand, we have quite an army of families which the societies, as a general thing, do *not* wish for. These are families where there are boys, no small children, foreigners, families where there are no children, and families where the measures do not suit—the man perhaps being too tall and the wife too stout. I will not take your time to enumerate other defects which fill our lists with what we call “undesirable families.” They may be the salt of the earth, but they are simply unfortunate in failing to please a ladies' society.

One other qualification is absolutely necessary. The missionary must be able to write an "interesting letter" which will keep up the enthusiasm of the ladies.

You see I have taken you behind the scenes a little bit to show you with what we at the office contend. You will find a "family blank" inclosed. If you should elect to ask me to send you a blank in addition to this of some "undesirable family," I shall feel that this message is not sent in vain.

And now I come to the last sentence of your letter, which to me touches a vital point :

"If you feel that the expense, time, and energy we spend on our barrel would better be spent in raising money, please be free to tell us so."

I suppose you know that the only interest which hundreds of women feel in Home Missions is the box interest. It is impossible to raise them to a higher level. We must take them where they are, and let them sew for the missionary until, through his letters, he shall raise them to a higher interest in his work, and they shall be willing to make some sacrifice to add money to the work of their hands. You will be glad to know that hundreds of women not only sew for the missionary, but also help to pay his salary. Within three years, more than \$50,000 have come in for salaries for those who were at the same time ministering to the personal needs of the missionary.

I am very anxious to have some society take the lead in sending money to a missionary in place of the box, or in addition to it, allowing him through this gift to supply some special needs. Of course there are families who must have the box. Mothers with little children to clothe, need it. Mothers who through ill-health cannot work for their families. Our missionaries in the South need the box. Also the foreign missionaries; also those who live far away from stores, and those who live where prices are exorbitant. But there are families consisting of the father and mother and one child, or families without children, where fifty or a hundred dollars would be a godsend.



## FOR OUR ARMY BOYS AND GIRLS

LET us take you out to the frontier and show you how much your money is needed. You won't mind the long journey across the country, past the beautiful fields and plains, the lakes and rivers, and wonderful mountains and valleys, etc.

At one place on the way you would have seen, a few years ago, a queer little log house which has a story. The people here wanted a

church, more than you can imagine, but had no money. They did have, however, strong hands and hearts and ever so much pluck. One day they picked out a piece of ground for the church. The boys and girls got some knives and began to cut down the small bushes, while the men took their axes and cut down the large ones. The women helped, too. You would have enjoyed that picnic! When the land was cleared, the men who had horses went to the woods and drew some logs to the clearing. The boys and girls scrambled upon those logs, and began to pull off the bark. The strong men built the house of the peeled logs and put the bark on top for a roof. Because every man and woman, every boy and girl helped, the church was built in a very short time.

But what could they do for seats (for they had no money to buy chairs)? However, you may be sure they weren't going to give up for want of *money*! They took some slabs and cut them into the right length for seats. Then they bored holes in these slabs and put sticks in for legs. The pulpit was also made of slabs. But the minister must have something better than a slab seat in the pulpit—he must have a chair. So they found an empty flour barrel and scooped it out for a chair. They covered this with some green cloth, and set it in the pulpit for the minister. How they loved that little church! What pride the boys and girls had in it because they helped build it! How glad they were to have a minister! Could they pay him much? No, they were very poor. It was because you and others gave us your money that they could have this good missionary for their pastor. They have a nice large church now, and can pay their own minister and help us to send missionaries to other needy places.

And now we will go on and on, quite across the country, until we find ourselves away out in Wyoming. Here is a nice town, where there is a fine Sunday-school of as bright boys and girls as ever you saw. There is a nice church building, too, but *if only you could have seen this place a few years ago!*



## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04
August.....3,460.00	487.56	2,167.21	6,114.77
September....9,148.64	610.00	5,775.99	15,534.63
October.....7,115.88	218.85	1,646.85	8,981.58



## TO THE FRIENDS OF HOME MISSIONS

SEVEN months of the Congregational Home Missionary Society's year are now gone, and during that time the receipts have been \$110,000 less than in the same months last year, a decline of more than one-half. Of this falling off, \$65,000 were in donations and \$45,000 in legacies.

During a part of this period the Society has been unable to borrow money even on good security. The consequence has been that our missionaries have had to wait weeks and even months for their salaries, a thing unknown in recent years. Large numbers of them are still waiting, and the Society having now reached the limit of its credit at the banks, has no recourse but to its friends.

The average receipts of the last five years, including two years of business depression, had been \$447,000. The Committee, therefore, felt safe in making a reduced apportionment of \$417,000 for the work of the year. But no foresight could provide against so enormous a deficiency in the receipts.

To meet the emergency the Committee have, first, sought to cut down expenditures, endeavoring to save as much as possible from the present limited apportionment. They have also appropriated to the work of the current year the entire remainder of the Stickney legacy, which seems to have been provided providentially for the present crisis, than which none other more serious is likely to occur. This exhausts all available funds. There is no legacy or reserve of any kind upon which we can henceforth depend. Nothing can avert intense suffering on the part of our missionary brethren and another burdensome debt at the end of the year but prompt and generous collections from the churches and large and self-denying individual gifts.

Once more the great home missionary enterprise, which is not ours, but the Master's, is thrown upon Christian hearts. We are involved in an exigency that suggests renewed consecration, confession, and prayer. May we not hope that in the closet, at the missionary concert, and in the public services of God's house these precious interests may be remembered, and that, in these times of returning prosperity, earnest supplications, with thanksgiving, may precede and accompany the riches of our liberality as those riches are poured out in noble and generous gifts? The need is real and it is urgent.

In behalf of the Executive Committee :

JOS. B. CLARK,	} <i>Secretaries.</i>
WM. KINCAID,	
WASHINGTON CHOATE,	

## APPOINTMENTS IN OCTOBER, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Abram, George, Coal Creek, Colo.  
 Baker, William H., Portsmouth, Ohio.  
 Blomquist, C. F., Fosston, Minn.  
 Brooks, Raymond C., Eugene, Ore.  
 Comin, John, Chamberlain, Oacoma, and Pukwana, So. Dak.  
 Gray, John, Howard and Vilas, So. Dak.  
 Halsall, Evan, Melville, No. Dak.  
 Hawkes, Albert S., Mountain Home, Idaho.  
 Heathcote, Arthur Slade, Hermosa, Red Earth, and Fairburn, So. Dak.  
 Schwimley, William A., Green River, Wyo.  
 Simmons, Daniel A., Boggy and Portland, Fla.  
 Smith, Charles W., Flagler, Colo.  
 Smith, G. Byron, Iberia, Mo.  
 Wheeler, Edgar C., Ellensburg, Wash.

*Re-commissioned*

Arnett, Samuel G., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Billings, Charles S., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Bjuge, Carl B., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Bormose, Niels N., Philadelphia, Penn.  
 Burleigh, B. W., Mitchell, So. Dak.

Chancy, Nathan B., Bonifay, Fla.  
 Crane, E. Payson, Pelican Rapids, Minn.  
 Diven, C. L., Olympia, Wash.  
 Drew, J. B., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Ellis, Leighton A., Vinita, Ind. Ter.  
 Harris, Robert N., Mt. Carmel, Penn.  
 Henshaw, Thomas D., Spring Creek and West Spring Creek, Penn.  
 Herr, Horace D., Fredonia, Kan.  
 Hersher, John L., Hood River, Ore.  
 Hull, George H., Jetmore and Rush Center, Kan.  
 Jelinek, Joseph, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Jenkins, John J., Glen Lyon and Wanamie, Penn.  
 Jensen, Julius A., Atlanta, Ga.  
 Jones, James Lincoln, Carrington, No. Dak.  
 Keller, Lewis H., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Lindsay, George, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Melton, Jesse J., Warnell and Panasoffkee, Fla.  
 Miller, Henry G., New York City, N. Y.  
 Miller, Louis, Holly, Fla.  
 Pierson, William, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Ritchie, George, General Missionary in Utah.  
 Trutna, Miss Frances, Braddock, Penn.  
 Van Wagoner, A. J., Carthage, Mo.  
 Waldrop, Isaac M., Alanthus, Collyer, Fairview, Western, Macon, and Wallace, Kan.  
 Wheeler, Sheldon Harley, Compton, Cal.

## RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 425 to 429

## MAINE—\$18.71.

Bluehill, Miss A. Peters, \$5; Ladies' Mission Circle, \$1, by Mrs. R. G. Lord .....	\$6 00
Eliot, First, by W. L. Fernald, .....	4 41
Wells, First, by Rev. N. M. Bailey, .....	8 30

## NEW HAMPSHIRE — \$1,053.95; of which legacy, \$1,000.

Candia, by Mrs. E. Hill, .....	7 27
Chester, P. A. Mills, .....	5 00
Concord, A Friend, .....	5 00
Durham, by L. Thompson, .....	30 18
Keene, Legacy of Mrs. M. A. Merrill, by C. H. Whitney, .....	1,000 00
New Ipswich, Proceeds from Fair, by Mrs. C. Wheeler, .....	5 50
Orford, A Friend, Union Meeting Cong. Ch, .....	1 00

## VERMONT—\$19.29.

Middlebury, L. D. Eldredge, .....	5 00
Rochester, by W. C. Tyler, Treas. Vt. Dom. Miss. Soc, .....	9 29
Shoreham, Miss I. G. Birchard, .....	5 00

## MASSACHUSETTS — \$1,361.66; of which legacy, \$500.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.,	
By request of donors, of which Salary Fund, \$67; Rally, \$96.05, .....	166 72

Woman's H. M. Asso., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas. :	
For Salary Fund .....	\$74 00
Springfield, Memorial Ch. Aux., for Salary Fund ...	20 00

\$94 00

Amherst, Amherst College Faculty, by Prof. E. A. Grosvenor, Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, .....	100 00
Amherst College, add'l, by L. H. Elwell, .....	25 75

100 00

Boston, W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund, .....	50 00
Curtisville, A Friend, .....	10 00
Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tolman, .....	145 98

1 00

East Brookfield, A Friend, .....	1 00
Lowell, Eliot Ch., by J. Howard, to const. J. H. Haworth a L. M., .....	50 00
Lynn, Legacy of J. Porter Woodbury, by C. J. H. Woodbury and G. H. Martin, Exs., .....	500 00

22 50

Medford, Mystic S. S., by L. W. Warren, .....	22 50
Northampton, Dorcas Soc. of the First, by Mrs. J. E. Clarke, for Salary Fund, .....	62 50

8 83

Norton, Trin. Ch., by S. H. Cobb, .....	8 83
Salem, Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc. of the Tabernacle Ch., by S. U. Chapman, for the debt, .....	2 00

30 00

South Framingham, Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, .....	30 00
Springfield, Hope Ch., by R. R. Upson, Miss M. C. Merriam, by E. B. Merriam, .....	48 88
S. C. Burnham, .....	15 00

5 00

Westboro, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund, by Rev. H. A. Schauffler, .....	15 00
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Worcester, H. B. Smith and Mrs. H. N. Smith.....	\$5 00
A Friend, from the O. S. Ch.....	2 50
A Member of Plymouth Ch., by F. W. Chase.....	1 00

## RHODE ISLAND—\$515.00

R. I. H. M. Soc., by J. William Rice, Treas.....	500 00
Kingston, S. S., for Salary Fund, by Rev. C. W. Shelton.....	10 00
West Kingston, Mrs. J. G. Clarke, by B. E. Helme.....	5 00

## CONNECTICUT—\$1,969.05; of which legacy, \$50.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., by Rev. W. H. Moore.....	187 92
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## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.:

Bridgeport, Benev. Fund of South Ch., Mrs. M. L. Higby, Treas., for Salary Fund.....	\$57 89
Milford, First, Ladies' Benev. Union, by Mrs. C. A. Nettleton, for Salary Fund.....	5 00
New Preston Hill, Aux., by Mrs. D. C. Peet, for Salary Fund.....	3 00
Norfolk, S. A. Selden, collector, for Salary Fund....	106 00

Bridgeport, Second, by O. H. Brothwell.....	63 45
Bristol, by L. G. Merick.....	46 50
S. S., by J. E. Beckwith.....	25 20
Chester, by Rev. A. Hall.....	11 75
Clinton, S. S., by J. M. Wellman.....	10 00
Colchester, L. T. Destin.....	2 00
East Haven, by Miss L. E. Street....	26 00
Fairfield, Friend B., Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Goshen, by Mrs. D. Ostrom.....	100 67
Mrs. M. Lyman.....	10 00
Greenwich, Second, by I. L. Mead....	193 89
Hartford, Park Ch., by W. E. Smith..	50 73
Miss E. R. Hyde.....	40
Mansfield, Second, by B. F. Koons...	11 60
Milford, First, by G. J. Smith.....	24 41
New Britain, L. J. Pease.....	50 00
New Haven, United Ch., by C. E. P. Sanford.....	450 00
A Friend.....	5 00
New London, First, by H. C. Learned	60 50
Norwich, bal. for the debt, Rally....	1 85
Plainville, by M. S. Corning.....	34 91
Putnam, Second, by E. F. Whitmore...	79 67
Rockville, G. Angell.....	1 00
Salisbury, by T. F. Dexter.....	14 00
Southport, by R. W. P. Bulkeley.....	93 41
Suffield, James P. Pierce, by Mrs. G. Follett, Sec. W. H. M. U. of Conn..	50
Thomaston, First, by H. A. Welton...	8 75
West Hartford, by E. S. Elmer.....	16 57
Windsor, Legacy of Mrs. L. A. Jenner, by N. W. Hayden, Ex	50 00
First, \$60; S. S., \$6.39, by S. H. Barber.....	66 39

*Erratum:* Suffield, Conn., Mrs. L. H. Hall, for Salary Fund, \$25, should be credited to Longmont, Colo. Erroneously ack. under Woman's H. M. Union, Conn., in November HOME MISSIONARY.

NEW YORK—\$692.36; of which legacy, \$28.10.

## Received by Rev. E. Curtis:

Canaan Four Corners.....	\$3 00
Coventryville, Rev. R. C. Lansing.....	25 00
East Ashford.....	1 50
Harpersfield.....	5 25
Otisco, Y. P. S. C. E.....	7 00
Syracuse, Plymouth S. S.....	10 94
Good Will S. S.....	5 00
Rev. E. Curtis.....	10 00
Volney.....	15 00

\$82 69

## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:

Brooklyn, Mrs. S. V. White.....	\$100 00
Cortland.....	25 00
Silver Circle.....	5 00
Middletown, Ladies' Guild.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon, Special.....	10 00
Oswego.....	5 00
Riverhead, Aux.....	19 68
Saugerties, L. H. M. S., for the debt.....	10 00

179 68

Brooklyn, J. A. Brainard.....	7 00
Eldred, E. B. Wilson.....	1 00
Flushing, by W. H. Lendrum.....	62 47
Jamestown, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, in full, to const. Mrs. H. C. Marvin a L. M., by Mrs. S. A. Baldwin....	10 00
Lancaster, O. A. Hall.....	83
Morrisania, Forest Avenue Ch., by Rev. W. S. Woolworth.....	8 90
New Haven, by Rev. S. Johnson, to const. Mrs. M. J. Daggett a L. M..	50 03
New York State, Two Friends.....	55 00
Orient Point, A Friend.....	5 00
Port Chester, "H. M. Silver Circle," Mrs. C. O. Banks.....	5 00
Pulaski, by G. L. Sherwood.....	5 00
Richford, Harvest Festival, by W. J. Hutchinson.....	31 00
Salamanca, First, by W. H. Hazard..	11 24
Sherburne, First, by G. W. Lathrop..	124 26
Warsaw, by F. W. Relyea.....	16 66
Willsborough, Estate of Mrs. S. A. Stower, by A. J. B. Ross.....	28 10
Woodville, by J. H. Wood.....	8 50

## NEW JERSEY—\$274.80.

## Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Asso., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:

Montclair, First, for Salary Fund.....	\$250 00
Westfield.....	21 70

271 70

## East Orange, Swedish Ch., by Rev. A. P. Nelson.....

3 10

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$124.28.

## Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. T. W. Jones, Treas.:

Riceville.....	5 00
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Allegheny, First, by A. H. Clafin....	9 50
Braddock, by Rev. H. A. Schaffner...	15 82
Cambridgeboro, First, by G. W. Rhodes.....	10 50
Canton, Henry Sheldon.....	25 00
Centerville, by E. E. Clark.....	4 62
Corry, S. S., by Rev. T. W. Jones....	5 00

Lander, Alfred Cowles, by S. E. Grassie.....	\$30 00
Minersville, S. S. of the First, by D. W. Rowlands.....	4 50
Mt. Carmel, S. S., by M. Davis.....	9 34
Wilkesbarre, Tabernacle Ch., by Rev. E. G. Heal.....	5 00

## MARYLAND—\$4.26.

Baltimore, Canton Ch., by Rev. T. M. Beadenkoff.....	4 26
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$20.00.

Washington, Fifth Ch., \$10; Y. P. S. C. E., \$10, by B. N. Seymour....	20 00
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## VIRGINIA—\$6.45.

Falls Church, Young members of the First, thro. the Y. P. S. C. E., by A. C. Rorebeck.....	6 45
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## GEORGIA—\$116.37.

Received by Rev. S. C. McDaniel :	
Barnesville.....	\$66 50
Baxley, Friendship Ch.....	5 00
McDonald's Mill.....	5 00

Amandaville, Liberty Ch., by Rev. M. G. Fleming.....	2 50
Atlanta, Duluth Ch., by Rev. W. F. Brewer.....	2 00
Baxley, Friendship Ch., by Rev. G. N. Smith.....	5 00
Columbus, by Rev. G. W. Cumbus...	4 00
Conyers and Meansville, by Rev. R. C. Manley.....	5 48
Glenmore and Dupont, by Rev. T. Pitman.....	1 89
Ft. Valley, by Rev. J. F. Blackburn..	5 00
Hoschtou, \$2; Conyers, \$3; Teazle, \$2, by Rev. J. C. Forrester.....	7 00
North Rome, by Rev. J. W. Gilliam...	1 00
Oxford, Sardis Ch., by Rev. H. E. Newton.....	5 00
Suches, by Rev. J. Spriggs.....	1 00

## ALABAMA—\$63.19.

Art, Blackwood, and Wicksburg, by Rev. M. V. Marshall.....	1 60
Bluff Spring and New Site, by Rev. J. M. Gipson.....	4 00
Dadeville and Oak Ridge, by Rev. J. Matthews.....	50
Echo, Judah Ch., by Rev. S. R. Branan.....	1 70
Hurricane, by Rev. G. Lee.....	1 60
Jackson's Gap, Liberty Ch., by Rev. E. B. Gunn.....	50
Kingston, by Rev. W. C. Culver....	1 00
Opelika, Mt. Jefferson, by Rev. J. S. Holt.....	55
Perote, \$2; Phoenix City, \$2, by Rev. L. J. Biggers.....	4 00
Portersville and Ten Broeck, by Rev. J. M. Dobbs.....	75
Roberta and Magdalena, by Rev. G. Horne.....	5 00
Rose Hill and Alton, by Rev. T. A. Pharr.....	1 00
Salem, 50 cts.; New Harmony, 25 cts.; Fairview, 25 cts., by Rev. G. W. Vaughan.....	1 00

Shelby, Ch. of the Covenant, by Rev. A. T. Clarke.....	\$27 70
Talladega, The Little Helpers, by Mrs. E. C. Silsby.....	5 00
Ch., \$2.24; S. S., \$4.05, by Rev. E. C. Silsby.....	6 25
Verbena and Clanton, by Rev. J. R. Crowson.....	1 00

## FLORIDA—\$73.65.

Avon Park, by Rev. F. D. Rood.....	21 00
Boggy and Portland, Chs., by Rev. D. A. Simmons.....	1 15
Bonifay, by Rev. G. Lee.....	4 00
Holley, by Rev. L. Miller.....	3 00
Longwood and Palm Springs, by Rev. G. W. Hardaway.....	3 00
Orange City, by Rev. J. C. Halliday..	39 25
Potolo and Caryville, by Rev. E. A. Buttram.....	1 25
Wausau and Coatsville, by Rev. S. B. Judd.....	1 00

## OKLAHOMA—\$7.00.

Park and Tabor, by Rev. J. F. Roberts.....	1 00
Soldier Creek and Pleasant Valley, by Rev. O. G. Le Grande.....	2 50
Tecumseh, by Rev. L. B. Parker.....	2 50
Waynoka and Belleview, by Rev. J. W. McWilliams.....	1 00

## ARIZONA—\$289.70.

Arizona, A Friend.....	200 00
Prescott, First.....	89 70

## OHIO—\$892.47.

Received by Dr. J. G. Fraser :	
Castalia, by Rev. C. H. Powell.....	\$13 00
Chillicothe, Ladies' Guild, special, by Rev. E. E. Scovill.....	5 00
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by Justin Snow.....	41 31
Pilgrim, by H. C. Holt...	60 00
Lakewood, by Rev. H. A. N. Richards.....	3 73
Columbus, Walter A. Snow	3 00
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Metcalf.....	10 00
Huntington, W. Va., by J. Clare.....	6 60
Lorain, First, by W. B. Whitehouse.....	10 66
Mansfield, F. E. Tracy.....	100 00
Mrs. R. L. Avery, special.	5 00
Mantua, Friends, by Miss C. M. Davis.....	2 00
New Castle, Pa., by Rev. W. R. Evans.....	3 00
Rochester, by E. L. Cummings.....	4 25
Ruggies, Ch. and Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. A. Bowers, in full to const. Harvey Sackett a L. M.....	45 83
Steubenville, H. G. Dohrman, special.....	2 00
Strongsville, by R. Gibbons.	8 00
Vermilion, by Rev. J. A. Kaley.....	3 20
Windham, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. Goodrich.....	5 00



Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D., Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleve- land.:	
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by Justin Snow.....	\$15 00
Ruggles, Ch. and Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. A. Bow- ers.....	12 50
	<hr/> \$27 50

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Andover.....	\$4 00
Austinburg.....	5 00
Belpre, Bible Readers School and Home.....	3 00
Charlestown, for Salary Fund.....	2 00
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, Bible Readers School.....	30 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Pilgrim, W. A., for Bi- ble Readers School and Home.....	7 00
Franklin Avenue, for Salary Fund.....	2 63
Hough Avenue, for Sal- ary Fund.....	3 54
Lakewood, C. E., for Bible Readers Home.....	2 60
Cortland, Bible Readers Home.....	5 00
Elyria, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Fairport Harbor, H. and F. M. S.....	5 00
Hudson.....	3 00
Jr. C. E.....	5 00
Oberlin, Second, L. S. Gen. Work of O. H. M. S., \$10; B. M. B., \$10	20 00
S. S., for Salary Fund.....	20 00
Painesville, Y. L. M. S., Bible Readers Home.....	10 00
Pittsfield, Bible Readers Home.....	2 50
Sandusky, W. M. Union.....	8 00
Springfield.....	4 00
Toledo, Central, W. M. U. Unionville, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	2 72
West Andover, for Salary Fund.....	2 65
	<hr/> 3 00

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas.:	
Cincinnati, Walnut Hills, Dime Banks of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robinson, Mrs. M. Turner.....	\$10 00
Columbus, Eastwood, Dime Bank of Mrs. B. Brook and K. Early.....	10 00
Mansfield, First, Dime Bank of Miss D. Waugh.....	5 00
Marysville, Dime Bank of Mrs. O. M. Scott.....	5 00
Medina, Dime Banks of Mrs. A. E. Thompson, Miss C. Wheatley, Mrs. G. Thompson.....	15 00
For Salary Fund:	
Akron, West.....	5 00
Alexis, W. W.....	3 00
Ashtabula, First.....	5 00
Austinburg.....	6 00
Bellevue.....	5 00
Berlin Heights.....	5 00
Bucksville, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 50
Burton.....	5 00
Ceredo, W. Va., W. M. C.....	1 00
Claridon.....	6 00

Clarksfield, Y. P. S. C. E.	\$1 25
Cleveland, Bethlehem.....	5 00
First, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Hough Avenue, Prim. S. S.....	3 00
Park.....	5 00
Plymouth.....	11 00
Columbus, Mayflower.....	4 00
Plymouth, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Junior C. E.....	3 00
Conneaut, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Kent.....	5 00
Kirtland.....	4 00
Lima.....	2 50
Litchfield.....	2 00
Mansfield, Mayflower.....	5 00
Marietta, Harmar.....	5 00
Marysville, Y. L. M. S.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon.....	7 25
Y. L. M. S.....	3 00
New London, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 37
Newport, Ky.....	5 00
Oberlin, First, L. A. S.....	47 00
Paddy's Run, Jr. C. E.....	1 50
Painesville, First.....	8 24
Richmonds.....	2 50
Tallmadge, Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 20
Wauseon, C. W. A.....	5 00
Williamsfield.....	3 00
Youngstown.....	3 00

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Ashtabula, Finnish, by Rev. F. Lehtinen.....	4 00
Brunswick, by Mrs. A. Aylard.....	2 00
Columbus, Eastwood Ch., by F. Hum- phreys.....	19 85
Cortland, by Rev. S. A. Cornwell.....	4 50
Fargo, Mrs. C. B. Remington, by L. C. Meeker.....	2 00
Lawrence, Little Muskingum, Mari- etta, Second, and Stanleyville, by Rev. F. S. Perry.....	8 25
Mecca, by Rev. G. Martin.....	3 00
New Knoxville, German Immanuel, by Rev. J. Schaefer.....	10 00
Oberlin, First, by A. H. Johnson.....	52 09
Thompson, by Rev. W. O. Town....	4 75

## INDIANA—\$6.50.

Ft. Wayne, South Ch., by Rev. E. E. Frame.....	1 50
Ridgeville Corners, by Rev. W. D. Trover.....	5 00

## MISSOURI—\$26.35.

Kansas City, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Clyde Ch., by W. W. Findlay.....	5 00
Kidder, by Rev. A. L. Gridley.....	5 00
Maplewood, Covenant Ch., by Rev. T. T. Holway.....	5 00
New Cambria, by Rev. A. W. Wig- gins.....	5 35
Springfield, "Two Friends" of Ger- man Ch., by Rev. J. F. Graf.....	6 00

## WISCONSIN—\$31.93.

Antigo, Woman's Miss. Soc., \$18.23; Hayward Y. P. S. C. E., \$9.60, by Rev. T. G. Grassie.....	27 83
Bruce, by Rev. D. Sanborn.....	1 00
Glenwood, Swedish Ch., by Rev. C. Ohlson.....	2 00
Wood Lake and Doctor's Lake, Swed- ish Ch., by Rev. N. I. Nelson.....	1 10

## IOWA—\$89.80; of which legacy, \$68.75.

Des Moines, "Rollins Farm" Estate of Mrs. H. L. Rollins, by S. A. Merrill .....	\$68 75
Wilton Junction, German Ch., by Rev. E. G. L. Mannhardt .....	21 05

## MINNESOTA—\$60.50.

Brainerd, Second, by Rev. M. B. Bird.	4 00
Burtrum, Palmer, and Grey Eagle, by Rev. E. N. Ruddock .....	6 89
Dawson, by Rev. S. R. Brush .....	10 00
Ellsworth, \$9.39; Ash Creek, \$1.36; Kanaranzi, \$1.75, by Rev. W. J. Conard .....	12 50
Glencoe, by Rev. H. A. Schaffler .....	1 20
Stillwater, Grace Ch., by Rev. J. H. Albert .....	6 23
Verndale, by Rev. R. W. Harlow .....	8 00
Winthrop, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock .....	5 00
Worthington, Union Ch., \$5.60; S. S., \$1.08, by G. O. Moore .....	6 68

## KANSAS—\$108.43.

Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas.:	
Comet .....	\$5 15
Valley Falls .....	7 25
Alma, Harvest Home Festival, by C. P. Simon .....	12 40
Emporia, Second, Welsh, by R. D. Thomas .....	10 00
Galena, C. A. Hubbard .....	10 00
Goodland, by Rev. D. H. Platt .....	5 00
Kinsley, by Rev. H. H. Gilchrist .....	6 00
Leavenworth, by Rev. W. C. Veazie .....	5 00
Maize, by S. S. Spittler .....	1 27
Russell, by Miss A. Thorpe .....	4 76
Seabrook and Sunnyside, by Rev. J. E. Kirkpatrick .....	8 00
Smith Center, Jr. C. E., by E. L. Sanford .....	1 00
Tabor Valley, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. J. D. Willfoung .....	5 00
Valencia, by Rev. C. E. Roberts .....	10 00
Wichita, by Rev. J. S. Gould .....	20 00

## NEBRASKA—\$151.82.

Received by H. G. Smith, Treas.:	
Brunswick .....	\$2 83
De Witt .....	1 00
Omaha, S. S. of Pilgrim Ch. ....	3 33
Plymouth, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. ....	75
Waverly .....	4 00
York .....	17 42
Rev. H. Bross .....	10 00

\$39 33

Less expenses .....

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Bloomfield, \$8; Addison, \$3.50, by Rev. E. Martin .....	38 68
Bruning, by F. H. Heydenburk .....	11 50
Carroll, Welsh, by Rev. S. Jones .....	2 57
Crete, by T. P. Craig .....	2 50
Fairmount, First, by Rev. A. A. Cressman .....	17 10
Germantown and Oak Grove, German Chs., by Rev. F. Woth .....	5 00
Inland, by D. Stimbert .....	3 50
Lincoln, German, by Rev. J. Lich .....	7 00
McCook, by Rev. A. Hodel .....	10 00
Milford, by Rev. G. A. Munroe .....	2 00
Norfolk, by Rev. J. M. Jefferies .....	2 32
Princeton, German Ch., by Rev. J. Morach .....	5 15
Santee Agency, "Gift of A Friend", .....	5 00
	40 00

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$73.62.

Received by Rev. H. C. Simmons:	
Lisbon .....	\$20 10
New Rockford, Annual Coll. ....	12 88

\$38 98

Received by Rev. H. C. Simmons:	
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. M. Fisher, Treas.:	
Cooperstown .....	\$7 00
Grand Forks .....	10 00
Oberon .....	6 50

23 50

Kensal, Courtney, and Wimbledon, by Rev. J. L. Martin .....	4 14
Morton Co., German Bethany, by Rev. J. Sattler .....	3 50
Oberon, First, by Rev. O. P. Champ- lin .....	3 50

## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$83.15.

Bryant, by Rev. J. Stevens .....	20 00
Carthage, Rev. G. W. Crater .....	5 00
Clark, by Rev. T. G. Langdale .....	5 90
Cresbard, \$2.31; G. L. Helms, \$2.96, by Rev. G. L. Helms .....	5 00
Custer, by Rev. J. H. Kevan .....	6 50
Faulton, by Rev. F. Mitchell .....	2 50
Huron, T. M. Jeffries .....	25 00
Iroquois, \$5; Osceola, \$1, by Rev. A. H. Robbins .....	6 00
Mission Hill, by Rev. D. B. Nichols .....	2 25
Ree Heights, Spring Hills, Green- leaf, and Midland, by Rev. P. B. Fisk .....	2 00
Springfield, Rev. C. Seccombe .....	3 00

## COLORADO—\$75.23.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Treas.:	\$25 00
Boulder, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	1 00
Highland Lake .....	1 50
Whitewater .....	3 00

30 50

Canon City, "A" .....	25 00
Denver, North Ch., by Rev. A. D. Blakeslee .....	5 85
Mayflower Ch., by Rev. J. Turner .....	3 33
Elyria, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. C. B. Wells .....	4 00
Fruita, by Rev. A. Shepherd .....	2 80
Globeville, First German, by Rev. A. Trandt .....	1 75
Steamboat Springs, by Rev. E. I. Grinnell .....	2 00

## WYOMING—\$14.00.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Treas.:	
Cheyenne, Aux. ....	14 00

## NEVADA—\$6.00.

Reno, First, by Rev. T. Magill .....	6 00
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## CALIFORNIA—\$50.80.

Woman's H. M. Union of Southern California, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Treas.:	
Poway .....	\$14 00
Vernondale, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	1 00

15 00

Avalon, by Rev. E. O. Tade.....	\$15 00	WASHINGTON—\$120.57.	
Cloverdale, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss M. S. Luther.....	3 15	Ballard, German Ch., by Rev. G. Graedel.....	\$3 00
McConaughy, 20c.; Oro Fino, \$2.25; Calahan's, \$3.20, by Rev. B. F. Moody.....	5 65	Christopher, White River, by Rev. L. A. Smith.....	10 00
Mokelumne Hill, by Rev. W. C. Day.....	2 00	Granite Falls and Maple Hill, by Rev. J. W. Hard.....	2 25
San Diego, Second, by Rev. T. R. Earl.....	10 00	Lake Park, Spanaway Ch., and Hillhurst, by Rev. W. H. Atkinson.....	3 50
REGON—\$20.00.		Leavenworth, by Rev. J. Bushell....	2 80
Received by I. A. Macrum, Treas.:		Ritzville, German, by Rev. G. Schernerle.....	7 20
Portland, Dr. C. B. Nichols, First Ch., by D. D. Clark.....	5 00	Seattle, Taylor Ch., by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	4 00
Astoria, First, by Rev. E. S. Billings.	5 00	Spokane, Westminster Ch., by Rev. F. B. Cherrington, D.D.....	83 32
Corvallis, First and Plymouth, by Rev. H. J. Zercher.....	4 00	Pilgrim Ch., Pleasant Prairie, and Hillyard, by Rev. J. Edwards.....	2 00
Oregon City, Mrs. E. Stevens.....	5 00	Tolt, by Rev. G. Kindred.....	2 50
Oswego, Leland, and Beaver Creek, by Rev. R. M. Jones.....	1 00	HOME MISSIONARY.....	49 69
			<hr/> \$8,470 58

Contributions in October, excluding contributions for the debt.....	\$7,115 88
Legacies in October.....	1,646 85
Contributions for the debt in October.....	218 85
Total receipts in October.....	<hr/> \$8,981 58
Contributions for the debt to November 1st:	
General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$87,356 58
Special for debt.....	8,954 61
	<hr/> \$96,311 19

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Bath, N. H., Ladies, by Mrs. Annie S. France, box.....	\$50 00	Norwalk, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Asso. of First Ch., by Miss E. W. Brown, box and barrel.....	\$125 00
Bethel, Conn., Ladies, by Mrs. H. H. Seelye, box.....	70 00	Norwich, Conn., L. H. M. S. of Park Ch., by Louisa G. Lane, box.....	
Cheshire, Conn., First Ch., by Mary E. Baldwin, barrel.....	64 00	Penacook, N. H., F. C. I. and H. M. U., by Mrs. S. E. A. Sanders, box.....	40 00
Cleveland, O., L. H. M. S. of Euclid Ave. Ch., by Mrs. D. Duty, two barrels.....	134 75	Peoria, Ill., W. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. Mary R. Franklin, box.....	129 93
East Hampton, Conn., King's Daughters' Circle, by Mrs. C. G. Bevin.....	25 00	Plainville, Conn., L. B. S., by Mrs. C. E. Blakeslee, barrel.....	80 00
East Orange, N. J., H. M. Branch of Guild of Trinity Ch., by Fannie S. Halsey, box.....	215 00	South Glastonbury, Conn., Missionary Society, by Emma S. Hale, box.....	78 40
Lyme, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Soc., box.....	75 00	Suffield, Conn., Ladies of First Ch., by Mrs. W. L. Loomis, barrel.....	113 77
Milford, N. H., Ladies' Charitable Soc., by Mrs. J. B. Melendy, barrel.....	30 00	Talcottville, Conn., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. S. A. Talcott, barrel.....	70 11
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., W. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. Grace M. Wood, three barrels and box.....	120 00	Wallingford, Conn., Elizabeth Atwater, overcoat.....	
New Haven, Conn., United Ch., by Sarah E. Champion, box and package.....	157 37	West Rutland, Vt., Woman's Miss. Soc., by Mrs. F. A. Moore, barrel.....	78 00
			<hr/> \$1,156 33

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from August 20 to September 20, 1896. WM. C. TYLER, Treasurer.*

Barnet.....	\$83 95	St. Johnsbury, North Church, for C. H. M. S.....	\$67 70
Cabot.....	13 97	Vergennes.....	15 00
Essex Center, Mrs. J. H. Tyler.....	5 00	Woodstock.....	24 24
Guilford.....	10 00	Vermont Missionary.....	23 48
Newfane.....	50 00	W. H. M. U.....	51 40
Peacham.....	24 80		
Plainfield.....	11 00		<hr/> \$380 54

*Received from September 20th to October 20th.*

Bennington, North .....	\$56 40	Randolph, West (Thayer Fund).....	\$6 00
Berkshire, East .....	14 10	Rochester, for C. H. M. S. ....	9 29
Brattleboro, West .....	50 00	Springfield .....	16 63
to const. H. C. Harris a L. M. ....	20 00	Thetford, North .....	8 71
Burke, for Women evangelists .....	29 91	Troy, North Junior Y. P. S. C. E. ....	2 50
Cabot, additional .....	2 20	Waterbury .....	12 62
Danville .....	15 00	Weathersfield Center .....	12 42
Dorset, East .....	2 00	Westminster, West .....	13 86
Lower Waterford .....	2 50	Windham .....	11 06
Manchester, Geo. G. Burton, legacy...	300 00	Windsor Co. Conference .....	62
Marlboro. ....	5 24	Vermont Missionary .....	4 20
Montgomery Center .....	2 70	Interest .....	37 80
Montpelier, Bethany Ch. ....	37 00	W. H. M. U. ....	29 00
Northfield .....	18 90		

\$720 75

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in October, 1896. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treasurer.*

Agawam, by Reuben De Witt .....	\$30 65	Middleton, by C. P. Stiles .....	\$1 56
Andover, Ballardvale, by Lizzie M. Rowland .....	55 00	Newbury, First, by Edward Perkins ..	21 42
Arlington, Moulton, Miss A. P., Estate of, by Edmund W. Noyes, Ex. ....	150 00	Newton, Eliot, by George N. Putnam ..	125 00
Bank Balances, Sept. Interest on .....	6 31	Special for local Armenian work ..	25 00
Berkely, by R. H. Babbitt .....	6 05	First (Center), by J. E. Rockwood ..	105 16
Bernardston, by H. L. Crowell .....	35 18	Special for local Armenian work ..	30 00
Billerica, Orth., by J. F. Bruce .....	9 00	Newtonville, Stiles, Mrs. E. E., by Edmund E. Stiles, Adm'r. ....	100 00
Boston, Central, by A. A. Maxwell, in part .....	187 15	Second (West), by J. J. Eddy, special for local Armenian work ..	16 00
Mt. Vernon, by D. R. Craig, in part ..	207 78	Northampton, Edwards, Y. P. S. C. E., by Martha F. Gere .....	50 00
Roxbury, Eliot, Friday Eve'g Coll., by Alpine McLean .....	3 80	Northbridge, Whitinsville, E. C. a Day Band, by Mrs. C. E. Whitin .....	19 07
Boxford, by Daniel W. Conant .....	27 91	North Brookfield, First, by John S. Cooke .....	41 55
Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith .....	26 61	Norwich, Conn., Doane, Betsy H., Estate of, by Lewis A. Hyde, Ex. ....	791 78
South, by H. B. Whitman .....	25 12	Norwood, First, by Edson D. Smith, special for Bohemian work of Rev. E. A. Adams, Chicago, Ill. ....	15 00
Chester, Center, by Rev. E. C. Haynes. Haynes, Rev. E. C. ....	5 80	Sunday-school, by Edson D. Smith ..	10 00
Dighton, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Martha L. Smith .....	10 00	Petersham, Y. P. S. C. E., by Anna S. Dawes .....	2 00
Easthampton, First, by W. H. Wright ..	76 20	Reading, by Dean Peabody .....	15 00
Erving, by Rev. J. W. Brownville .....	4 00	Reed, Dwight, fund, Income .....	64 00
Fitchburg, Calvinistic, H. M. Soc., by Annie T. Francis .....	10 00	Rockland, Hicks, Mrs. Addison .....	5 00
Lawrence, Mrs. A. G. ....	5 00	Sheffield, Union Service, by Rev. J. Coit .....	10 00
Framingham, South, Grace, by G. M. Amsden .....	54 57	Southboro, Newton, Lucy, Miss. ....	5 00
Franklin, by J. Herbert Baker .....	11 83	Springfield, French Evan. Ch., by A. S. Nadow .....	5 00
Frost, Rufus S., Chapel Trust fund, Income .....	16 00	Union Service at First Ch., by Rev. J. Coit .....	29 00
Granby, Cook, S. M. ....	20 00	Stoughton, First, by H. W. Darling ..	7 01
Great Barrington, Housatonic, Union Service, by Rev. J. Coit .....	8 69	Sudbury, South, Helping-hand Soc., by Jessie E. Butterfield .....	10 00
Gurney, R. C. fund, Income .....	48 25	Wakefield, by W. P. Preston .....	24 53
Haile, S. W. fund, Income .....	62 50	Wall fund, Income .....	32 00
Hale, E. J. M. fund, Income .....	25 00	Walpole, Second, by S. E. Bentley .....	2 50
Hanover, Second, by H. B. Barstow ..	4 97	Waltham, Trinitarian, by T. W. Temple .....	8 07
Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. Arthur Sampson .....	5 00	Warwick, by Rev. E. F. Blanchard ..	3 60
Haverhill, French Evang'l Ch., by Rev. S. P. Rondeau .....	10 00	Westport, Pacific Union Sunday-school, by J. C. Macomber .....	10 12
North, by E. G. Frothingham .....	125 55	West Tisbury, by Ulysses E. Mayhew ..	18 44
Hyde Park, First, by E. A. Runnells ..	38 74	Weymouth, South, Union, by H. B. Reed .....	25 84
Leominster, North, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. C. H. Haven .....	3 13	Whitcomb, David, fund, Income .....	187 50
Lexington, Hancock, by W. W. Baker ..	100 00	Whitin, J. C. fund, Income .....	337 50
Lowell, Pawtucket, by John J. Colton ..	50 00	Williamstown, White Oaks, by Mrs. David Goodell .....	3 12
Marshfield Hills, S. S. Class of I. H. Hatch, by Agnes L. Sherman .....	6 68	Wilmington, by Rev. Elijah Harmon ..	8 00
Massachusetts, to const. W. E. Fowler a L. M. of C. H. M. S. ....	50 00		
Medfield, by F. S. Wight .....	12 00		



Voburn Conference, by Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, Treas., special for Montvale Ch.....	\$44 00
Worcester, Piedmont, by Arthur W. Eldred.....	64 25
Smith, A. L., to const. Mrs. A. B. Whipple a L. M.....	30 00
Union Ch., by C. B. Greene.....	87 31
Cent-a-Day Band, by Miss H. T. Boardman.....	1 82
Union Service in Central Ch., by Rev. J. Coit.....	19 13
County, a Friend.....	8 00

Woman's Home Missionary Association, by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:	
Boston, Rox., Wal. Ave. Aux., for Rev. Sam'l Deakin's salary.....	\$35 00
Natick Aux., for Miss Moffatt's work.....	32 00
	<u>\$67 00</u>
HOME MISSIONARY.....	\$4,114 75
	<u>6 00</u>
	\$4,120 75

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in October, 1896. WARD W. JACOBS, Treasurer.*

Avon, West Avon, by Rev. F. S. Francis	\$10 00	Marlboro, by William W. Bolles.....	\$4 48
Branford, Stony Creek, by T. M. Bray	10 21	New Haven, Yale College, Missionary So. of Yale Divinity School, by Quincy Blakely.....	2 00
Bridgeport, West End, by Rev. C. F. Stimson, for C. H. M. S.....	25 00	North Greenwich, see Greenwich.	
Bristol, First, by L. G. Merick.....	25 91	Simsbury, by A. J. Holcomb, for C. H. M. S.....	16 00
Coventry, Second, by Andrew Kingsbury, to const. Mrs. M. Laura Kingsbury, of Coventry, a L. M.....	50 00	South Glastonbury, see Glastonbury	
East Haddam, Hadlyme, by Charles H. Rich.....	11 29	Southport, see Fairfield.	
Fairfield, Southport, by Mrs. H. T. Bulkley.....	80 00	South Windsor, Wapping, by F. W. Gilbert.....	20 17
Glastonbury, South Glastonbury, Ch. and S. S., by H. D. Hale.....	7 19	Stony Creek, see Branford.	
Greenwich, North Greenwich, by B. Close.....	6 00	Thomaston, Swedish, by A. Carlson ..	4 50
Granby, South, by C. P. Loomis.....	6 00	Wapping, see South Windsor.	
Hadlyme, see East Haddam.		Washington, Swedish, by C. O. Hallstrom.....	4 55
Hartford, First, Bequest of Mary M. Phillips, by Daniel Phillips, Ex. ...	100 00	West Avon, see Avon.	
Harwinton, by Rev. William Hedges.....	4 14	West Hartford, by E. S. Elmer.....	16 94
Lebanon, First, by Miss Julia R. Maxwell.....	20 25	Wethersfield, by S. F. Willard.....	36 58
Madison, First, "Ladies' Cent Society," by Elizabeth Wood.....	32 60	Woodstock, Swedish, by Mrs. G. D. Hall.....	10 00
		W. C. H. M. U. of Conn., Mrs. George Follett, Sec., Norfolk, by Stephen A. Selden.....	100 00
			<u>\$603 81</u>

## ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in July, August, and September, 1896. AARON B. MEAD, Treasurer.*

Albion, Rev. F. B. Hines.....	\$10 00	Jefferson Park, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$5 00
Union Church, S. S. Class.....	7 40	Mount Clare.....	23 00
Wanboro Church (S. School, \$2.60) ..	7 47	South Chicago, Second.....	1 50
Alton Mission, S. School.....	2 00	Burnside.....	1 60
Alto Pass.....	5 00	Chillicothe, Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 00
Atkinson.....	10 36	Dongola.....	3 59
Aurora, New England.....	5 07	Dover, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Batavia.....	36 00	Dea. George Wells.....	20 00
Belvidere.....	14 00	Edelstein.....	1 85
Beardstown, S. School.....	5 00	Farmington.....	50 16
Bloomington.....	54 00	Geneva.....	30 32
Blue Island.....	12 64	C. H. Beers (\$100 on Roll of Honor)..	150 00
Centralia.....	3 00	Glen Ellyn, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Chandlerville (Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.12) ..	69 77	Gray's Lake.....	13 20
Chicago, First.....	49 10	Griggsville, S. School.....	12 56
Plymouth, Miss Daisy A. Gaylord....	5 00	Hinsdale (S. School, \$50).....	95 97
Leavitt Street, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00	Joliet, Swedish.....	4 00
Union Park.....	77 91	Lawn Ridge, Rev. C. E. Marsh.....	5 00

Lemont, Swedish .....	\$4 00	Wheaton, College.....	\$8 00
Melvin.....	6 00	Wilmette.....	46 01
Milburn.....	33 31	Winnebago.....	2 50
Naperville.....	40 00	Winslow, Berean.....	10 00
Normal, First.....	8 65	Woman's Home Missionary Union:	
Oak Park, First.....	118 84	Chicago, New England.....	\$60 91
Ottawa.....	29 63	Covenant.....	6 00
Paxton, Senior and Junior Y. P. S. C. E.	25 00	California Ave., Jun. C. E..	1 00
Princeton, Mrs. Rufus Carey .....	100 00	Elgin, First.....	5 00
Quincy, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	10 00	Oak Park, First.....	5 25
Rockford, Second.....	270 14	Port Byron.....	14 52
Mrs. Julia P. Warren (special).....	200 00	Rantoul.....	5 00
Rollo (Y. P. S. C. E., \$10).....	19 70	Rockford, Second.....	15 10
Rosemond.....	9 46	Waukegan, First.....	6 00
Seward (Winnebago Co.) Y. P. S. C. E.	10 00	Waverly.....	10 00
Shabbona.....	40 35		
South Danville.....	20 00		128 78
Sycamore, Margaret E. Syme Fund.....	100 00	Mrs. M. L. Burnham.....	200 00
Pledge Signer.....	25 00	Interest on invested funds.....	177 05
Mrs. P. Sturtevant.....	20 00	Rev. J. A. Adams.....	10 00
Tonica, Ladies' Miss'y Society.....	8 00	Rev. J. D. McCord.....	33 35
Waukegan, First, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00	Benjamin E. Warner.....	1 00
Ebenezer.....	5 00		\$2,550 24

## Received in October

Alto Pass.....	\$4 00	Rockefeller (Y. P. S. C. E., \$18.71).....	\$33 88
Aurora, New England.....	10 00	Sandwich, Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 18
Austin, Swedish.....	5 30	Spring Valley, First, Jun. C. E. S.....	5 00
Brimfield.....	6 00	Villa Ridge.....	2 27
Caledonia.....	7 17	Yorkville.....	6 25
Chicago, First, A. B. Mead.....	50 00	Woman's Home Missionary Union:	
Lincoln Park (Y. P. S. C. E., \$10).....	48 95	Chicago, New England.....	\$14 00
Englewood, Pilgrim, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00	Lincoln Park.....	1 50
Bethlehem, Y. P. S. C. E.....	7 50	Forestville.....	3 00
Gross Park.....	2 00	Rogers Park.....	1 00
Brainerd.....	8 14	Harvey.....	5 09
Cobden, Union.....	9 17	La Salle.....	5 00
Dover.....	63 00	Marshall.....	7 00
Fall Creek.....	20 00	Ontario.....	5 00
Galesburg, East Main Street.....	6 00	Payson.....	3 00
Galva.....	47 04	Pittsfield, Rose Miss. Soc. ..	14 50
Geneva.....	3 83	Lottie Kelly Society.....	5 00
Glen Ellyn (Y. P. S. C. E., \$5).....	10 17	Rockwood, Second.....	50 00
Granville, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00	Sandwich.....	5 00
Griggsville.....	30 81	Toulon, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Hazel Grove.....	3 53	Warrensburg.....	3 00
Hinsdale.....	41 85		132 09
Kewanee.....	30 00	Mrs. Grace and Gertrude Wyckoff,	
La Grange (Y. P. S. C. E., \$4.10).....	146 35	Pang Chuang, China.....	15 00
Lawn Ridge.....	8 38	Supply fee.....	10 00
McLean.....	5 50	Rev. J. D. McCord, Chicago.....	6 66
Melville.....	2 00		\$836 92
Oak Lawn.....	2 00		
Payson, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00		

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in October, 1896. REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, Treasurer.

Cannon.....	\$7 00	Lawrence.....	\$12 40
Chase.....	1 25	Linden.....	3 50
Clinton.....	11 00	Litchfield.....	19 00
Clio, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Matchwood.....	21
Custer.....	1 10	Memphis.....	5 48
Detroit, First.....	500 00	Mulliken.....	1 12
East Paris.....	8 00	Olivet.....	32 10
Flat Rock.....	4 00	Port Huron, 25th St.....	2 50
Gaylord.....	12 00	Rondo.....	29
Hartford.....	6 75	Union City.....	8 99
Jackson, Plymouth, Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 43	Wheatland.....	5 70
Jacobsville.....	80	White Cloud.....	5 00

Whittaker.....	\$3 55
Wicksburg, Rev. J. Van Antwerp.....	2 00
Friend.....	1 00
H. M. U., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill,	
Treas. ....	141 83
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	\$808 00

Receipts of the W. H. M. U. of Michigan  
in October, 1896. Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas.:

Benton Harbor, W. H. M. U.	\$5 00
Clinton, W. M. S.....	19 00
Covert, W. M. S.....	15 00
Dundee, W. H. M. S.....	10 00
Grand Blanc, W. H. M. S....	21 00
Ledge, W. H. M. S.....	1 33
Rapids, South, L. M. S....	5 00
Greenville, W. H. M. U.....	6 40
Jackson, First, W. H. M. S..	21 82
Plymouth, L. M. S.....	5 50
Lansing, Plymouth, W. H.	
M. U.....	13 37
Mulliken, W. H. M. S.....	1 65
Reed City, W. H. M. S.....	11 82
Sandstone, W. M. S.....	2 27
South Haven, W. M. S.....	10 00

Watervliet, W. H. & F. M. S.,	
of which \$15.10 is thank-	
offering .....	\$17 94
Wheatland, W. H. M. U., of	
which \$6 is thank-offering..	13 00
Whittaker.....	5 00
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	\$185 10

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

Cooper, Y. L. M. S.....	\$8 00
Greenville, Jun. M. Band....	1 04
Hudson, C. E. Soc.....	5 30
Michigan Center, C. E. Soc..	25
Owosso, C. E. Soc.....	5 00
Three Oaks, C. E. Soc., to	
apply on support of Rev.	
Joel Martin.....	2 50
Vermontville, S. S., miss. pen-	
nies of one little girl, 86 cts ;	
earned pennies of one little	
boy, 20 cts.....	1 06
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	23 15
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	\$208 25

## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804  
and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 7. KANSAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St.,  
 Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

## 8. OHIO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
 Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, 513 The Ellington,  
 Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
 St., Toledo.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave.,  
 Brooklyn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St.,  
 Syracuse.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave.,  
 Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. C. M. Blackman, Whitewater.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President*, Mrs. N. M. Lander.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President*, Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No.  
 Portland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Port-  
 land.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President*, Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic  
 Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St.,  
 Tacoma.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street,  
 Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President*, Mrs. C. E. Corry, Columbia.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. B. H. Burt, Huron.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President*, Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New  
 Britain.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St.,  
 Hartford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St.,  
 Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St.,  
 Kansas City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave.,  
 Kansas City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave.,  
 Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Isaac Clafin, Lombard.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington  
 St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President*, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave.,  
 Des Moines.



## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President*, Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oakland.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St., Oakland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St., Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President*, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.

## 21. FLORIDA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

## 22. INDIANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. D. F. Coe, Elkhart.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

## 23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 353 So. Hope St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

## 24. VERMONT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. J. Van Patten, Burlington.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

## 25. COLORADO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Charles Westley, Box 508, Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

## 26. WYOMING

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

## 27. GEORGIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

## 28. MISSISSIPPI

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Emma Redick, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

## 29. LOUISIANA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. M. Crawford, Hammond.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Matilda Cabrière, 2812 Freret St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

## 30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 216 N. McNairy St., Nashville, Tenn.

## 31. NORTH CAROLINA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, { Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

## 32. TEXAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. I. Carroll, 331 Grand Avenue, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave. Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. S. Upton, Ridgway.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Terrace, Philadelphia.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. W. M. Wellman, El Reno.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Joel Harper, Oklahoma City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. B. Hammer, Oklahoma City.

## 36. NEW JERSEY

INCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND,  
AND VIRGINIAWOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF  
THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

Organized March, 1891

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Bradford, Montclair.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. D. Hagerman, Montclair.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Denison, 150 Belleville Ave., Newark.

## 37. UTAH

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1891

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, 135 Sixth East Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. E. Hall, 78 East First North Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. D. Nutting, Third North and Quince Streets, Salt Lake City.

## 38. INDIAN TERRITORY

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1892

*President*, Mrs. Fayette Hurd, Vinita.  
*Secretary*, Miss Louise Graper, Vinita.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Raymond, Vinita.

## 39. NEVADA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1892

*President*, Mrs. L. J. Flint, Reno.  
*Secretary*, Miss Margaret N. Magill, Reno.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Mary Clow, Reno.

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## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

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### XVIII.—THE SAN JUAN

HE San Juan (Spanish for St. John) region, or the San Juan for short, in the southwest part of Colorado, is about one-half as large as New York State, or larger than Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island combined. It has as many as a hundred peaks that are two and a half miles high, and a goodly number that are 1,400 feet or more above the sea. It abounds in silver mines, and is called the "Silvery San Juan." The writer heard of that region almost before he reached Colorado in 1876, but it was nine years before he visited it. He was then so charmed with its wonderful scenery, by the side of which Pike's Peak Range seemed tame, that he went again and again. It was a long and tedious trip before the railroad was built, and even by rail it was a long journey of about 500 miles to Silverton, the chief mining town of the region in those days.

The sharp outline of the mountains in the San Juan, their profound depths and dizzy heights, the green valleys, the charming waterfalls (highest and finest of any in Colorado), the sylvan retreats that so strangely combine the beautiful and the sublime, the variety of rare flowers that are found in the deep valleys and on Alpine heights, the sharp precipices, the great forests, the box cañons, the hot springs, the hidden wealth of gold and silver and crystals—all these make it an ideal mountain region, visions of whose loveliness and grandeur are ever and anon flitting through the minds of those who have been there, and making them wish to go again. It would take a whole paper simply to name all the interesting things to be seen in the trip "around the circle" of nearly 1,000 miles by which that region is reached.

About 200 miles south of Denver the train crosses the Sangre de

Christo Range at Veta Pass at an altitude of 9,350 feet. Then a descent of 1,500 feet brings you down into San Luis Park, the largest of all of Colorado's wonderful parks, containing an area of over 5,000 square miles, or twice as many as North, Middle, and South Parks combined. Its greatest length is 140 miles, and its greatest width fifty miles. The floor is so level that the railroad, in a distance of over forty miles, has only one or two curves. The road runs for miles along the base of Mount Blanca (14,464), the highest peak in Colorado, and the highest but one in the United States.

Beyond San Luis Park there are 160 miles that are full of interest, but the scenery is tame compared with what is to come. The most interesting thing is Toltec Gorge, a wild cañon, down into whose awful depths you look from the car window as the train emerges from a tunnel, through which it crosses the mountain on one side of the gorge. The road dips into New Mexico, and then runs a long way through the Ute Indian Reservation. For 170 miles there is nothing resembling a village.

At Durango, 450 miles by rail from Denver, the writer in his first trip was an entire stranger. Stopping at a corner fruit store to make some inquiry, the young man who kept it recognized him, and pulled out of his pocket a well-worn recommendation signed by his customer when he was a teacher and the young man a student in an Eastern college. The ex-teacher could not deny the handwriting, and so he expressed the hope that in the rough Western country the young man had preserved his character as carefully as he had kept his certificate. The forty-five-mile railroad ride between Durango and Silverton is one of the grandest in Colorado. It takes one through the whole length of the finest cañon in the State, the cañon of the Los Animas River. This cañon is in places about a mile deep, though the walls are not perpendicular. Such gigantic, towering masses of granite as you see when you pass The Needles are not seen in many places in this world. The fields of ice and snow abide among them the year round. They are the brooding place of fierce storms. Those sharp rocks catch and tear to tatters the clouds that float against them. In summer they echo and reëcho the thunder peal, while in winter is oftentimes heard the roar of the avalanche. The number and variety of the streams that flow into that cañon, and the waterfalls which they make, are a constant delight. One must keep his eyes open and look at both sides of the train at once, or he will miss some of the finer ones. At the head of the Animas Cañon is Silverton, a mining town, whose altitude is about 10,000 feet higher. From their doorways the people in winter time can watch the avalanches that sweep resistlessly down the mountain sides.

At that place Superintendent Pickett had started a church work in 1878, which had been carried on successfully for several years. It has held in



one church all the Protestant Christian elements in that heterogeneous community. Very thrilling were some of the experiences of the young missionary, especially in some of the trips that he took on snowshoes to help to rescue or to bury the victims of snowslides. A funeral procession on snowshoes was a common sight in that mining town in the winter. One winter there was almost a famine in the town, as on account of snowslides in the cañon no supplies could reach the place for about three months.

On one of his missionary trips to the San Juan the writer left the railroad at Rockwood, in the Animas Cañon, and took the stage, which was an open wagon loaded with freight and express matter, for Rico, thirty-five miles away over two high ranges. He had been sick all night and could eat no breakfast or dinner, but he was not too sick to enjoy the wonderful flower beds and dense forests of pine and poplar and spruce through which he successively passed, and the perpendicular precipices, 1,000 feet high, along whose base the road passed for miles, and the ever-changing views which they had of mountains, near by and far away, as they rode along the sharp-edged summit of a mountain ridge. The long, rough ride cured him, and at night, when he had washed off the different colored layers of dust which indicated the different geological regions traversed, he was ready to break his twenty-four hours' fast by eating a hearty supper.

A railroad runs to Rico now, and it is a prosperous mining town ; but then it was one of the most out-of-the-way places in Colorado, and was exceedingly dull, about half of the houses and stores being empty. There were plenty of mines and prospects on the mountains around the town, but the ore was low grade, and the one thing which the people supremely desired was a railroad to take their ore to market.

We were there to see what the prospect was for sending in a Home Missionary. We found a number of persons who desired church services, though not all from the same motive. A man went around with us to invite the people to come to the services to be held the next day, Sunday. A common reply which they received was, "I am very sorry, but I have my arrangements all made to go fishing to-morrow." The services were held in a hall with a dim, very dim, light, that was not altogether "religious." It had only about four square feet of window. In the Sunday-school there were only six adults and six children. There is now a good church and a fine church building in that place.

Sitting in the hotel office on Sunday afternoon, the minister could not help hearing a conversation in the next room between two hotel employees, a man and a woman. "Are you going to hear the preacher to-night?" said the woman ; and she added, as though a bright thought had struck her : "Oh, say, let's all hands go down and make the preacher stand on his head and dance." "I don't know about that," said the

man; "he is a pretty good-sized old man, and he might kick." The mental comment of the preacher was that very likely he would kick, and kick vigorously. Being only a little past forty, it made him feel a trifle queer to hear himself called an "old man" for the first time. "What denomination is he?" said one. "Give it up," replied the other, "but he looks like an Israelite." Of course they were only chaffing. When evening came they were there, with over 100 others of all characters and conditions, but, as was always the preacher's experience in mining towns and lumber camps, they were exceedingly quiet and attentive, as much so as any congregation that he ever addressed—some, in such places, because they want their town to have a good reputation in such things, and others because they are so hungry for gospel services. Whispering and giggling and writing notes and running out during the service—such annoyances he did not encounter in any mining-town congregation.

In going from Silverton to Ouray the stage driver, who had carried a minister on his up-trip in the morning, announced "another preacher" to the lounging crowd at the stopping-place in a small mining town, and the people flocked out of the store to look at him. In about four miles of that trip there was a descent of 2,000 feet through the wildest kind of a mountain gorge. At one point the horses trotted around the curves of the road, about ten feet wide, that was cut out of the side of a precipice of rock. A pebble could be tossed from that road into the creek nearly 1,000 feet below, while rocks from 1,000 feet above could fall into the road. At one point the stage crossed a mountain stream on a bridge that was built over the water after it began its fall of almost 300 feet into the chasm below.

Ouray was the grandest and most interesting spot that we had found in all our travels. Around it are mountains piled on mountains, precipices towering above precipices, cañons within cañons, waterfalls in great number and variety, hot springs of great size and number, and mines in all the valleys. Cascade Creek, Oak Creek, Cañon Creek, Portland Creek, and Uncompaghre River come tumbling over into the valley where the town lies, or gliding into it through marvelous box cañons. The walls of those cañons are very high, are so near together and so overhang each other that they shut the light out of the cañon. Two sheer precipices, 1,000 feet or more in height, face each other on opposite sides of the river just below the town. Houses have been built among the huge rocks that have fallen from those precipices. What eggshells those houses will be when other rocks fall, as they will some time!

On one of his trips to the San Juan, the writer desired to reach Telluride, another place out of the way then, but reached by railroad now. It was forty-five miles from the railroad, by stage, but right over the range it was only about seven miles. He decided to go over the range on foot and

alone. He left the road at Summit, 11,500 feet above the sea, at three in the afternoon. He was warned that a storm was brewing on the range, but he set out at once. When he got above the timber line, he encountered the storm. There was no rock large enough to hide under, so he took refuge in an ice-cave under a huge drift of old snow. The thunder rolled heavily and cracked sharply around him; the rain fell in torrents; the hail rattled on his snowy roof and on the rocks, while fresh snow whitened some of the neighboring peaks.

In half an hour the storm had abated and he passed on, at first over sharp rocks, and then through such wondrous beds of flowers as it seemed to him he had never seen before. There were acres of dense masses of color, one huge billowy bouquet of red, white, blue, yellow, purple, and green; great scarlet bunches of "Indian paint-brush," huge clusters of columbine with flowers of enormous size, wild geraniums, blue gentian, sun-flowers, larkspur, and many flowers whose names he did not know.

He turned a curve, and in the trail beyond, so far away that he could not exactly tell whether it was a mountain lion, a panther, or a bear, was a wild beast. They faced each other at a safe distance for ten minutes. The minister was unarmed, except with his little book of promises, one of which was, "He shall make the beasts of the field to be at peace with thee." He concluded to return to the railroad, and actually started back. Then he turned and went towards the wild beast a few rods, and the wild beast came towards him. Then they both paused and looked at each other again. Then, to the minister's great relief, the animal left the trail, went off among the rocks, and allowed him to pass.

He was now looking down and across the valley, upon the famous Red Mountain or Mountains. Their stony slopes were all of a most brilliant red, a result of some chemical change in rocks that were once white. No painter's brush could exaggerate their wondrous coloring. Here was met a burro, or donkey train, crossing the mountain with supplies. The minister's soul was full to overflowing with the magnificent panorama spread out before him, and he said to the wearily plodding driver: "That view is the finest in the Rocky Mountains." "Ugh," said the man, "what do you mean?" "Oh," was the reply, "how far is it to Telluride?" "'Bout twelve miles," was the answer. This was not encouraging to the inquirer, who thought that he had already gone nearly half of the seven-mile trip. So he went on a few rods and asked another burro driver whom he met how far it was. "Oh, I reckon it is six miles." Another thought it was four, and another nine. Before he reached Telluride he concluded that they were all right; that one might call it any number of miles he pleased, for miles utterly failed to measure that distance. Finally, through a deep cut in an immense drift of snow, he reached the summit, whose altitude was about 13,500 feet. And then



what a view he had ! What interminable mountain ranges ! The Quartzite group, the Needles, San Miguel, Uncompaghre, Bear River, and La Plata ranges were all in sight. Such awful gorges ! Such sheer walls of rock ! Such sharp and ragged peaks ! Such flaming colors ! Such gigantic castles and embattled cliffs ! Such profound depths beneath, and such long-drawn-out distance to the farthest peaks ! Such colors of rock and sky, of snow and water, of forests and flowers ! Oh, reader, imagine the wildest and grandest, the most awful and the most beautiful mountain view that you can, and call it that !

That serpentine stream sparkling in the sun, miles away down the valley, is the San Miguel River, and to reach it the writer had to let himself down about 5,000 feet. Down he went, over fields of loose rocks, along the edge of steep precipices, into mountain basins where avalanches thundered through winter days ; down into the timber again, and through some more wondrous beds of flowers, past famous mines and countless prospects ; down alongside or in sight of many ice-cold streams that unite and go thundering down over countless cascades, one long tremulous drift of white ; down over the zigzag of an endless " W " trail ; down through 4,000 feet of eruptive rock, and then through hundreds of feet of conglomerate and stratified rock ; and yet when he reached the bottom of the valley, he was still 8,600 feet above the sea.

Next to Ouray, Telluride he thought was the most romantic town he had found in Colorado. In the very outskirts of the town is a romantic cañon and a beautiful waterfall 120 feet high. Mountains from 12,000 to 14,000 feet high surround the town. At the head of the valley, two or three miles away, is seen a stream that leaps out of a great mountain basin and bounds down the mountain for thousands of feet, a long path of white foam, whose roaring is heard at Telluride when all is still at night. Near by another stream tumbles out of another mountain basin and forms the highest and most beautiful waterfall in Colorado, the Bridal Veil Fall. The large stream makes a sheer leap of 337 feet.

All the Christian elements in Telluride had united to form one self-supporting church, which nevertheless had a hard struggle in that wicked mining town, some of whose leading citizens preferred not to have any church in the place. The writer found the pastor sick, so he remained over the Sabbath to preach for him. The pastor thought his coming providential, as he was the first minister who had called on him since he took his field.

On Saturday the traveler was so lame from his trip across the range the day before that he could hardly step without pain, but he dragged himself two or three miles up to the Bridal Veil Fall that he might get a nearer view of it and enjoy its beauty. From a distance it seemed to fall into the tops of a pine forest, and so it did almost, for the trees grew



up as near to it as they dared. They drew close around that charming spot and kept constant watch over it.

Making his way through the woods, he came to a little open space where boulders and stones were covered with greenest mosses and grasses, kept constantly wet by the unceasing spray. With his water-proof coat on, he crept behind a huge boulder, up to within a few feet of where the water fell. He threw his head back and looked straight up where that mass of water seemed to fall out of the sky, and watched it as it descended in great flakes and masses into the basin at his feet. A gust of wind drove the mist all around him. He could look up no longer, but looking down he saw a rainbow in the form of a perfect and entire ellipse about ten feet long. It was lying horizontally on the rocks and water, and he was standing at one end of it.

He went and lay down under the pines a few rods away, opened and read out of his little book of promises, and then looked up at that white torrent falling out of blue skies, flecking with foam the red cliff behind it, and gliding away with gurgling sounds among the great boulders. Then he read another set of promises and took another look. A blessed uplifting hour it was that he spent there communing with God and nature, with God through nature and with nature through God. The Word of God glorified his works and his works illuminated his Word.

The golden texts of the Bible always seem more precious when beautifully printed in illuminated text and surrounded by the pictures of flowers and other beautiful natural objects. The monks of old labored not in vain when they wrought patiently for years to write God's Word in illuminated text. But no monk's pen or printer's art ever gave to the golden texts of the Bible such royal setting, such glorious illumination, as they had while he read that day from plain type amid those glorious surroundings. All the sights and sounds around him and the visions of his soul united in one clear, harmonious note, "God is love. Praise the Lord!" The great busy world was far away, remembered only as a dream. There came to his ears none of its discordant notes. As the mighty steam hammer comes down with tremendous force, and then only gently touches the crystal of the watch placed under it, so that roaring cataract, thundering down out of the skies, spoke gently to the soul and brought it peace.



## FROM A WORKER IN ALABAMA

ARBACOOCHEE is an old gold-mining town of about 140 inhabitants, containing one hotel, two stores, one doctor's shop, and a post-office. The people are lenient, kind, and open-hearted. When I came here they

knew nothing of Congregationalism, but looked on it as being made up of ignorance and poverty. Though I have been straitened financially—not being in commission, and therefore not receiving aid—and have had to struggle to support my large family, yet I have been laboring for the meat that perisheth not and for Congregationalism. I have organized three Sunday-schools, though two of them use Methodist literature; have conducted three protracted meetings with good results, among which are several conversions. One old gray-headed man, that has lived in sin all his days, confessed Christ and has joined the church. The fruit of my labor is a Congregational church of seventeen members, and more will join soon. It was organized near this town by Rev. R. E. Merrill, and the presumption is that another will be organized soon. The people here seem to be getting hungry for Congregationalism. As soon as they find what it is they are ready to accept it. I don't see any reason why our churches should not spread largely in this country if the missionaries can have a support until the churches get a start. The people here are poor and "hard run." Many of the ladies have gone back to the spinning-wheel and loom to clothe their children, and yet some of them are contributing largely of their penury to benevolent societies. God bless the Congregational Home Missionary Society and give its missionaries strength, grace, and courage for their work.



## ANOTHER OF THE IOWA BAND GONE HOME

BY REV. EPHRAIM ADAMS

DIED, October 23, 1896, at New Hampton, Iowa, Rev. HARVEY ADAMS, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Then passed away one of the oldest Congregational ministers of the State; oldest not in years only, but in term of service, it being fifty-three years ago that he came to Iowa for his life work. He was a native of New Hampshire, born in the town of Alstead, January 16, 1809. Brought up in the atmosphere of home piety, among a rural people of the old New England type, and being naturally of a serious turn of mind, he was early led to the choice of a Christian life and to cherish the desire for an education for the ministry. Home duties, however, in a family of moderate means, prevented his putting this desire into execution till his majority, when, relying upon self-help, he entered upon the task. Winter schools, among other things, were naturally resorted to. It was in one of these, at Wakefield, Vt., that he contracted a serious cold, followed by a painful sickness with such pulmonary symptoms that his life was despaired of. But towards spring he

rallied, and as soon as he could go abroad he went, with Bible in hand, from house to house, conversing and praying with his patrons, who gave him hearty welcome, noon or night, wherever he happened to be. It is not strange that a revival followed such as had never before been seen in the place. The years 1831 and following were years of revivals. Into these he entered heartily. So earnest, judicious, and helpful were his services that they were often sought for by ministers of various towns, not infrequently to fill appointments they were not able to fill. "I preached considerable," he said in an interview not long before his death—"I preached considerable before I began to preach." "The pulpit in my own town was always open to me, and most always when I went home in vacations from college or seminary the people wanted me to fill it." Dr. Adams fitted for college at an academy in Montpelier, Vt., taught by Rev. J. C. Southmayd. After being fitted, to the credit of his scholarship and other qualifications as well, he was induced to tarry a year as assistant teacher and to pursue advanced studies. Doing so he was able to complete his college course in three years, entering Vermont University at Burlington in 1836, graduating in 1839. After teaching an academy for a year in Medway, Mass., he entered Andover Theological Seminary in 1840 and graduated in 1843. Shortly afterwards he with other classmates came to Iowa for his life work, upon which he entered with far more and in some respects a better preparation than the seminary could give. And here he has remained, notwithstanding occasional offers to go elsewhere with larger salary. His pastorates in their order have been as follows: First at Farmington, from 1843 to 1860; second, Council Bluffs, from 1860 to 1863; then Farmington again, from 1863 to 1866; New Hampton, 1866 to 1871; Fairfax, 1871 to 1875; the last at Bowen's Prairie, 1875 to 1882, when he retired from the active ministry, with his wife and one daughter, to spend the evening of his days at New Hampton, near a married daughter, the wife of Dr. Babcock of that city.

On August 14, 1844, he was married to Rhoda Matilda Coddington, who shared with him life's labors almost to the golden-wedding time. On June 16, 1893, she was buried in the New Hampton cemetery. As the fruit of this marriage there were seven children, of whom but three are living—one son, Mr. Edward E. Adams, of Des Moines, and the two daughters above referred to. To specify prominent features of his character and work is somewhat difficult. These are distinguished rather for that symmetrical completeness which produces an even, steady flow of life force into other lives than for any one thing momentous, startling, or attractive. Still a few things are easily named.

1. He was a man of prayer. That tone of voice with which he used to lead our devotions, how it sounded the adoration and reverence and awe, yet the childlike faith and trust with which he used to commune with

God the Father ! It was in prayer that he sought direction as to questions of duty. Thus in the night watches of a particular date, while in the seminary, he decided that his field of labor should be at the West, independently of others and before he knew that others were considering the question.

2. He was scholarly. In intellect he was clear and logical ; in investigation patient and thorough. He knew what he believed and why he believed it. Not only was he clear as to theological views, but he took in also the drift of scientific thought. Educational matters were to him of great interest. Thus was he equipped for usefulness as trustee of Iowa College, in which capacity he served from the first.

3. His preaching was biblical, appealing to the reason and judgment rather than the emotions. He sought to instruct. To know God's Word and declare it was his great aim. That he might know it, the Bible of all books was the book of his study. He traced the shades of its meaning in the original, being familiar with both Hebrew and Greek.

4. In his later years, towards the evening of life, the Bible was his companion, his joy, his hope and stay. He read it almost constantly, often in course, from beginning to end. In one year he read it thus sixteen times ; in another fourteen ; not dreamily and carelessly, for his mental vigor was in force almost to the very end. At the time when struck with paralysis, a few days before his death, the stroke came upon him with the Bible in his hands.

As showing how and where his faith rested, it was but a few weeks before, in speaking of his funeral, when it should be, etc., he said : " As to text, etc., I have no directions to give, but there are one or two hymns I would like to have sung ; one in particular. The hymn ' Just as I am ' —I would like to have them sing that and sing it all." At evening he said : " Good-night, brother. Quite likely I may see brother Lane before I see you again." For we had spoken of brother Lane and others who had gone before. So when death came and we buried him, it did not seem like death. It was rather the setting of a sun in glory for a more glorious rising, or, to change to a more Scriptural image, like a shock of corn fully ripe being garnered in.



## A WORD TO HOME MISSIONARIES AND OTHER PREACHERS

BY A VETERAN CHURCHGOER

*Beloved Fathers and Brethren :*

HAVING for threescore years been accustomed to attend church with much regularity, I have had favorable opportunities to note the peculiari-



ties of ministers in conducting public worship in churches larger and smaller, in cities and rural districts, in more than one country, and to form conclusions of my own as to the things which attract men to the house of God, or, it may be, disincline them to attend.

I may say then, that, partly no doubt because it is a lifelong habit, I like to go, and feel in some measure lost if deprived of the privilege ; and while I am not often found at a church of another denomination, I never, in my summer outings about the country, absent myself from public service on the ground that the doctrine or the ritual will be unfamiliar. I agree with Dr. O. W. Holmes, who said : " There is a little plant called *Reverence* in the corner of my soul's garden which I love to have watered about once a week."

I may say further that I think John Calvin did a pretty good thing—perhaps he never did a better—when he formulated for his Geneva flock that statement which was adopted by the English reformers, and has become familiar to us through the Book of Common Prayer, that " we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits which we have received at His hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul."

To put it in different phrase, three things impel me to attend church : a desire to accompany others in the praise of God, a longing to unite with them in common prayer, and a hope of hearing some message from him suited to my mental and spiritual state. Unfortunately, I am sometimes wholly or in great measure disappointed, and when this is the case I am inclined to believe that the fault is not always entirely mine.

*First*, I am by no means satisfied to listen while anthems are " performed " in unknown tongues, or to sing hymns of sentiment, of exhortation, and of dogma, in place of those which utter praise to God, and extol his Son our Lord.

If, after a choir, however skillful, has made some headway with its anthem, I have not been able to distinguish a single word, I stop listening, and, so far as I am concerned, that opportunity is thrown away. Why do you, as directors of public worship, ever allow a " voluntary " to be sung without distinctly informing the congregation in some way what it is they are to hear? Too often, to use a phrase of Dean Stanley's, there is a " severance of sound from sense." I once remarked to Dr. X., at the close of a service, that it would have been appropriate to the occasion to sing the version of the Twenty-third Psalm beginning, " The Lord of love my shepherd is."

" Why," he said, " that was one of the pieces which the choir sang ! "

" Then why not supply the people with a printed programme, that they may know what to expect ? "

"Because the rustling of papers would interrupt the peaceful quiet of the hour!"

There is something of sentiment in Mrs. Brown's hymn,

"I love to steal awhile away;"

but has a Christian assembly gained as much by singing its five verses as if it had sung

"Now to the Lord a noble song"?

How much better a hymn of direct address to Christ, like

"My faith looks up to Thee,"

than the doctrinal utterances of the hymn,

"Ere the blue heavens were stretched abroad,  
From everlasting was the Word."

or,

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed."

I am sorry to say that I sometimes hear three hymns at one service which *exhort* men to pray or praise, while not one of them voices the petition or the praise. "Brethren, these things ought not so to be." When the Father is seeking for worshipers, why should we not do more in the way of worship and less in the way of inviting men to worship? What a mistake to spend all one's breath on exhortations and arguments and appeals addressed to mortal men, and hardly a syllable of direct adoration, thanksgiving, and love!

*Second*, I sometimes question whether you ministers believe in worship at all when I see that instead of taking part in the song to which you have summoned the congregation, you spend the time in looking over the notices, or arranging your sermon, or finding your text, or whispering with the deacon. It was the habit of an old Connecticut pastor to set his congregation to singing a long hymn while he went out to rest under a tree in the churchyard. Is it wise for the minister to set an example of perfect indifference to the service of song?

*Third*, I do not like to complain of unwritten prayers, or to criticize the leaders of devotion; but I do think ministers often fail to gather up and express the desires and petitions of those whom it is their privilege to lead to the throne of grace. Some men have "the gift of prayer;" they select the right word; they give form and expression to the worshiper's desire. It is a gift to be cultivated. A hospital visitor at the bedside of a soldier began his prayer with the Fifty-first Psalm: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions."

"That's it," interrupted the sick man ; "won't you say that again?" He had struck the right chord.

Brethren, *your congregation can make no common utterance, except as you direct and guide them.* Do you look around the house and consider what this and that and the other person wants to have said to God just then and there? While many experiences and wants are common to all men, and while some confessions, petitions, and thanksgivings are appropriately offered wherever human souls are assembled for worship, surely the wise and sympathetic pastor would not lead the devotions of an ancient "family church" in the East, made up mostly of confirmed believers, in the same words that he would use in voicing the prayer service of a gathering of cowboys in the "parks" of Colorado. On a memorable day, in a great city, my friend and I questioned where we would go to church, and we agreed to attend an Episcopal service because we were *sure* that we should hear the petition which we craved: "Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In another city, on the Lord's Day, I went to a large and prominent church where in sermon, prayer, and song everything was in the key of the Old Covenant; and apart from a few formal phrases hardly a word was said or sung which might not have been spoken in a Jewish synagogue.

*Fourth,* First and last I hear a good deal of complaint and criticism of modern sermons, and I believe some of it to be just. I hear it suggested that "the pulpit is losing its power." It may be so with some pulpits. I hear too few sermons which impress me with the conviction that the preacher feels himself to be an ambassador of Christ sent with a message of glad news for my soul. It is a part of my grievance that the parson too seldom unfolds to me the meaning of God's Word. He takes his text from the Bible, of course, but he does not always proceed to speak as one sent of God to me, to help me in life's work and speed me heavenward. It seems to me a perversion of Scripture if, starting with the words, "The kingdom of God is within you," he proceeds to develop the thought that the kingdom of God is something peculiar to the inner life of man. I see no reason why the insulting sneer of the Pharisees, "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them," should be made the basis of an argument respecting my personal duty, and I think it very farfetched to educe from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus the duty of making a sacrifice for the sake of attending public worship. I find no nourishment for my soul in pulpit essays upon success and failure, and I am sure to starve spiritually if bidden to a banquet of platitudes, or rhetoric, or speculation, or philosophy. But I crave, more and more, new statements of "the old, old story;" new discoveries of meaning breaking forth

from the words of the Master ; new experiences like those of Paul and John as they meditated on the grace and love of Christ. Failing to find these things, I lose my interest in preaching, am ready to pronounce it "foolishness," and have a measure of sympathy for those who ask, "Who will show us any good?" and in despair and listlessness forsake the assembling of themselves together. An American traveler in England says that of eight sermons which he heard last summer, the texts were taken in seven cases from the Old Testament, and the discourses were in perfect keeping with the texts. "In the pulpit," he says, "I saw Moses and Joshua and Elijah and Isaiah, and I greatly hungered for a sight of Jesus or some of his Apostles." Many of us, like the Greeks of old, desire to see Jesus.

I have concluded that it is no easy thing to preach the gospel of salvation ; to speak the word of good cheer to men who are striving to do their duty ; to recognize the value of a devout and holy life ; to speak to the careless and unbelieving in such a way as not to discourage and dishearten the sincere believer ; to preach in this nineteenth century as our Lord would speak if he were some day to "occupy the pulpit" in the place of those who speak in his name.

I am best satisfied—it does me most good—when the songs of Zion bring me nearer to God ; when the minister's prayer has said better than I could say the very things which I longed to have expressed ; when his reading of the Bible has stimulated my thought, and his discourse has "found me."

Brethren, this is the longing which our souls have ; *many* souls, in our great cities, in the older rural districts, on the distant prairies, on the Rocky Mountains, on the Pacific Coast, throughout the great South—the longing of the human heart to make common confession of our faith ; to join in ascriptions of praise to God and Christ ; to hear the Scriptures read with feeling and emphasis ; to offer our united prayers and intercessions ; to hear a message from God, and to be brought into sweet and precious communion with him.

Suffer, therefore, this word of exhortation, even though it may seem to voice a complaint, for it is spoken in all kindness and with earnest desire for the edifying of the church of Christ.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Q. Q.



## GETTING HOME AGAIN

[Rev. A. A. Brown, the Society's Superintendent for Wyoming and Black Hills, after giving a detailed account of his October's work of exploration, confirming and helping the brethren scattered over his wide field, closes his report with the following story of



his getting home. We give it place here, that our quiet, comfortable friends and helpers in the older settlements may know what their representatives at the front meet with in doing their share of the common work for the Master.—ED.]

ON Saturday night, October 31st, it began raining at Buffalo [Wyoming]. On Sunday morning it began snowing, and on Monday morning there were, perhaps, ten or twelve inches of snow, if it had lain as it fell. But a high wind had distributed it very unevenly. None of the mails had reached Buffalo since Saturday's early stages. On Monday morning the proprietor of the stage route from Buffalo to Clearmont hitched up a team to a two-seated buggy, took in the mail, myself, and another passenger, and started for the railroad at Clearmont. All went well until we were eight miles out, when we began to encounter the drifts. We had the team down three or four times, and were compelled to tramp snow up to our arms. Changing teams at the stage stations, we reached Clearmont, a distance of thirty-five miles, a little before four o'clock, with wet feet and legs, tired and hungry, having eaten nothing since before six o'clock in the morning. We were, however, in time for the east-bound train, and I reached home the next morning, sound and well, and very thankful to our Heavenly Father. Such is life in this Far West ; but it is not without its compensations. It makes sturdy, honest, loyal, and resolute men, self-reliant and ready for emergencies.

The tardiness of missionary payments is causing much embarrassment and some suffering among our missionary laborers, and I fear may compel some to leave their fields.



## BETWEEN SEED-TIME AND HARVEST

BY REV. W. A. TENNEY, OAKLAND, CAL.

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

DURING the last month the writer received a letter from a widely esteemed Christian lady with whom he has been acquainted for nearly forty years. The communication was chiefly of a business character, but this incidental item was included near the close. It is given here for the encouragement of young Christian workers.

“You may not remember a sermon you preached when you were first here. I do not remember the text, but it was on *saving time*. It set me to thinking what I could accomplish, and the consequence is, I have done far more than I can tell on paper. Besides this, and more

than all else, I think I found the way of salvation fully through your preaching, but for many years I found it very hard to express what I felt."

Reference to my records shows that the discourse referred to must have been my New Year's sermon for 1858, on the text, "The time is short," preached near the beginning of a mission in the wilds of early Oregon. Years ago the manuscript, discarded as of no value, went for kindlings in the cooking-stove. Nearly thirty-nine years elapsed before the preacher had any intimation that the sermon turned the trend of a human life or that his other preaching changed the destiny of that immortal soul. The fact that a sinner has been converted under the preaching of the Word is only an ordinary event in the experience of the average pastor. But the above case has an extraordinary sequel. When we first met this lady she was eighteen years old, and was the mother of two children. It was not unusual in early Oregon for girls to marry at fourteen. Unmarried white women were very scarce.

The husband of this lady was the captain and chief owner of a vessel plying between the Columbia River and Honolulu in a lucrative trade. As the wife boarded, she had much leisure. We noticed that soon after the time mentioned she began special courses of study to make up for defective early education. By private lessons and untiring personal efforts she has become one of the best informed and most cultured ladies in the region where she dwells. As might be expected from one whose childhood was spent amidst the fewest Christian privileges, her religious life had a small beginning; but during all these years her spiritual capacity and fruitfulness have been steadily increasing. So far as could ever be learned, this was the first conversion in the little town of Astoria, which is now a strong city of 12,000 or 15,000, and contains seven or eight Protestant churches. The hallowed, active, silent influence of this lady has left an impress on nearly all these churches. The husband early placed his ship in charge of another captain, and engaged in a large and profitable business on shore. Some years ago he died, and left to his widow a liberal fortune, wisely invested. The income is very large, but not out of proportion to the heart that controls it. The increasing funds are judiciously spread with a munificent hand. Churches, missions, charitable institutions, the unfortunate, the needy and suffering within her knowledge, feel the touch of her purse and her fervent heart. Her Christian influence through her large gifts and graces is being widely felt in home and foreign lands.

The tens of thousands of dollars scattered in Christian work go to multiply the number of souls saved as the remote and indirect effect of a New Year's sermon which the preacher supposed for many years fell fruitless upon listless ears. No good seed well sown will ever be lost,

though the sower may not see the sheaves till late in the autumn of life or in the future world.

“In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand : for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.”



## HOW THE GOSPEL ENTERED THE CORDILLERAS

BY REV. D. L. LEONARD, D.D., OBERLIN, OHIO

It was Livingstone who suggested for substance, that not until the explorer has completed his task can the work of the missionary begin. Assuming the truth of this statement, it will be proper to preface a sketch of the labors of the early heralds of the Gospel, by speaking briefly of the still earlier preparatory service rendered by discoverers and pioneers.

To us of this generation it seems passing strange that the entire western half of this continent, including the long stretch of the Pacific Coast, was suffered to remain so long untouched by foot of civilized man and utterly unknown. Captain Cook had indeed sailed along the shores of Oregon and Alaska in 1778 ; in 1792 Captain Gray had crossed the bar at the mouth of the Columbia, and cast anchor inside ; and a few days after Vancouver had ascended that river a hundred miles. When Jefferson had purchased Louisiana in 1803 (though years afterward he put himself on record as believing that for five centuries, at least, the American people could easily be accommodated with homes between the Atlantic and the Mississippi), he commissioned Lewis and Clarke to trace the Missouri to its source, and then, crossing the Rockies, to search for the corresponding great stream on the western side, and if found to follow it to the ocean. This difficult task was splendidly performed. In 1806 General Pike, and in 1819 General Long, invaded the recesses of the Great Plains, and their names live by being attached to two of the loftiest peaks upon which their eyes rested. In the meantime, and for a whole generation, hundreds of trappers, hardy, daring, venturesome, of the stamp of Daniel Boone, had begun to ascend the Missouri and its principal western tributaries like the Platte, Arkansas, etc., to their head streams in the mountains, and to penetrate even to the basins of the Colorado and the Columbia. The American Fur Company was formed in 1808. Among its servants were such as these : Ashley, who disputes with Bridger the honor of being the first white man to behold the Great Salt Lake, in the twenties ; Campbell and Fitzpatrick, Henry, Hunt, Smith, and Sublette. Astoria, the first American settlement on the Pacific, dates

from 1811. Another important step forward was taken in 1832-33, when Captain Bonneville of the army, and also Nathaniel Wyeth, with wagons and an organized company of men, made their way for trapping and trade to southern Idaho and Oregon. Irving's "Astoria" appeared in 1836, his "Adventures of Captain Bonneville" the year after, and turned the attention of many to those remote wilds. But easily the most signal advance was made in 1842-46, when Frémont led three successive expeditions which took him back and forth through the whole Cordilleran region, from east to west, and from north to south. He saw everything with the eye of a scholar and man of science. He gave to the country the first description of Great Salt Lake. He also it was who made known the physical features of the Great Basin and gave to it the name. His reports were soon published, were read by multitudes with absorbing interest, and still remain a classic. Just now it was that the entire transmontane region was added to the Union. But before this event, in spite of the general and persistent conviction that the area lying beyond the Continental Divide was utterly worthless for settlement, emigrants, not a few from the East, had straggled in, the missionaries of the Methodist Church and the American Board blazing the way. In 1843 one of the latter, Dr. Marcus Whitman, had piloted in a thousand.

As for California, Sir Francis Drake, in 1579, had landed in one of its harbors to careen his ship, and calling the country New Albion, had taken possession in the name of England's virgin queen. It is not known just when the Spaniards made their advent. No steps, however, were taken by them to actually possess and govern until 1769, when at San Diego the first of nearly a score of presidios (military posts) and Franciscan missions was established. The next year San Francisco Bay was discovered. By the revolution of 1822 this future El Dorado became a part of the Mexican republic. But so exceedingly remote was it from the seat of government, and so slight was the population, that little attention was bestowed upon its affairs, while the civil authority was feeble in the extreme. In 1826 Jedediah S. Smith brought in a party of trappers, and about the same time, whalers and traders from New England began to visit the coast. One of the latter, Thomas O. Larkin, in 1832, opened a wholesale and retail mercantile establishment at Monterey, some years later becoming United States consul. In 1839 Captain Sutter entered the valley of the Sacramento and secured a concession covering several thousand acres, securing himself also from Indian assaults by the erection of a fort. As year after year Americans crossed the Sierras in search of homes, they naturally clustered about this very convenient stronghold. All which circumstances, under the cogent operation of "manifest destiny," wrought together to bring it to pass that in the summer of 1846 the "Bear Flag" was raised, Frémont being mysteriously present in the



nick of time to aid and abet, while a few days later Commodore Sloat captured Monterey and San Francisco.

1. The beginnings of the Gospel in Oregon date from 1833, and resulted directly from that most pathetic and romantic journey of the four Nez Perces braves to St. Louis, in fruitless search of some one to tell them of the Book which contained a knowledge of the Way of Life. Rev. Jason Lee and others penetrated to the Willamette Valley, while Dr. Whitman and his companions located either at Lapwai or Walla Walla. But in an Indian massacre occurring in 1847, the last named missionary fell a victim, with his wife and seven others. By this time the American Home Missionary Society, constantly watching for openings for new and aggressive work, had begun carefully to scan this remotest corner of the horizon. In June of 1846, the very month of the Oregon treaty, The Home Missionary, after speaking of the "caravans on the way to Oregon and the adjacent parts of California," states that requests for missionaries have come more than once, and two are to be sent as pioneers at the earliest moment. In August Rev. George H. Atkinson and Rev. Horace Lyman are named as the honored first bearers of the Glad Tidings. The former, with his wife, sailed in late October of the next year, *via* Cape Horn and the Sandwich Islands, was compelled to tarry three months at Honolulu, waiting for a vessel, and after traveling 18,000 miles, or two-thirds of the distance around the globe, reached their destination in June, 1848. During their voyage of eight months the American Board's Mission in Oregon had been broken up, the treaty with Mexico had been signed, and gold had been discovered. It was not long before the settlers throughout the valley of the Columbia went wild over the stories of fabulous wealth to be had by washing the California gravels. A large portion of them left at once with all speed lest their life opportunity should be lost, and for years the residue were so uneasy as to make the work of evangelization exceedingly difficult and discouraging. About the same time bad matters were made worse by a land law which gave to each settler a whole half-section, and as much more to his wife. Homes were thus scattered so widely that congregations of respectable size could only with greatest exertion be gathered. Mr. Lyman took his departure a year later than his companion. Halting at San Francisco, and learning that the region to which he had been appointed was well-nigh depopulated, it was not until after orders came from home that he went forward. This is no place to give the details of the experiences and toils of the trying years of seed sowing. Suffice it to say that as early as 1852 the foundations were laid for a female seminary at Oregon City. A reinforcement of two men was sent the next year. By 1856 the number of missionaries had increased to eight, and Rev. Mr. Hunt was commissioned by the Society to proceed from California to

Washington on a tour of exploration. By 1860 ten churches were reported in Oregon, with upwards of 2,000 members, and one church in Washington. Such has been the divine blessing since bestowed that now in the two commonwealths together 172 churches are found, with 9,123 communicants.

2. The first public mention made of plans for undertaking Gospel work in California is found in *The Home Missionary* for November, 1848. "Upper California being now included in the territory of the United States [the treaty had been signed February 2d, ratified May 30th, and proclaimed July 4th], a mission thither is determined on, and the necessary steps have been taken to send one or more men." December 1st, Rev. Samuel H. Willey and Rev. John D. Douglas sailed from New York *via* the Isthmus, without the least suspicion of what startling intelligence was about to burst upon their ears. While the vessel was delayed several days at New Orleans, on the 11th arrived from the Pacific the messenger bearing an official dispatch to the government from Colonel Mason, detailing the next to incredible facts relating the millions to be easily gathered by mere shovel and rocker in numerous localities on the western slopes of the Sierras. The telegraph here caught up the news and scattered it over the land, with what was almost a frenzy of excited feeling resulting. Hundreds would embark at once on this steamer, while a multitude were gathered at Panama scarcely able to contain themselves until transportation could be secured up the coast. Early in 1849 these pioneer heralds of the Cross reached their destination. Mr. Willey commenced work at Monterey, and Mr. Douglas at San Francisco, "as Yerba Buena is called." According to *The Home Missionary* for June ensuing, "in four months from December 1st, 17,300 sailed from Atlantic ports, and from 20,000 to 40,000 are likely to cross the plains this year." The exigency was so great that two more men were soon sent forward, and before the end of the year a third one, in the person of Rev. J. H. Warren, so long the representative head of Home Missions in California. By 1851 the Society could report great things at hand in the valleys of the Sacramento and San Joaquin in the way of the organization of churches and the erection of houses of worship. In a retrospect made after five years, 1848 was declared to be an era in the history of the Society. "Then we never dreamed that we were to be summoned to work for hundreds of thousands upon the Pacific." Eight are to be dispatched ere long, six of them to the Golden Gate, the rest to Oregon. Concerning this company it was written: "It is believed that a larger number of ordained missionaries has never left our shores at one time, certainly not for a more distant field." In 1860 eleven churches were reported with 579 members. By this date the agricultural resources of the State had begun to receive a fair degree of attention. In ten years more the churches numbered forty-eight, and the members 2,121. By 1896 the totals were respectively 173 and 16,708.

3. Though located upon the extreme eastern border of the Cordilleran region, mention should next be made of Colorado, both because of its importance to the Kingdom, and because it was in this section that the mining excitement next "broke out." And how surprising that within a single half-decade numerous centers for the gathering of almost frenzied gold seekers sprang into being. In localities, too, as far apart as Denver on the east and Gold Hill, Nevada, later with its Comstock Lode; and half way between, in the mountains to the southwest and southeast of Salt Lake; as well as in the Owyhee district of southeastern Oregon, and the adjacent parts of Idaho about Boisé and further down the Snake River; and also far up in Montana, at Bannock, Virginia City, and Helena. The explanation of the phenomenon is found largely in the fact that after some ten years of washing, the gravels of California had been nearly robbed of their precious nuggets and flakes, and thousands of miners set out through all the ranges far and near in search of other diggings as rich as those had been. It was in 1858 that placers were struck on Cherry Creek, one of the tributaries of the South Platte. This, with others to match, sufficed to set going the famous "Pike's Peak" fever the next year, during which it is estimated that not less than 50,000 were gathered from all quarters as eagles to the prey. In 1861 Denver was incorporated, and a territorial government was set up. As usual the boom did not last long. The supply of gold presently began to give out, the war of the rebellion was on, an Indian outbreak occurred, thousands disappointed and needy departed for other fields, and the trial of hard times befell. However, in 1869 the Union Pacific Railway was completed, and not long after the Kansas Pacific. In 1870 Greeley, a flourishing agricultural colony, sprang into life, giving a great impulse to the raising of grains, vegetables, and fruits; the Territory became a State in 1876, while not much later Leadville suddenly astonished the world with its rich silver carbonates in exhaustless abundance.

Colorado does not appear in the pages of *The Home Missionary* until about the middle of 1863, when this statement occurs: "Appeals have been made from several towns with a population ranging from 1,000 to 4,000. Two or three men are likely soon to be commissioned." Rev. William Crawford was presently upon the ground; after a few weeks had gathered a church of twenty members at Central City, reports that Denver needs a minister, is greatly disappointed that nobody can be found to come to his assistance, and gives notice that "no family should start from the Missouri by wagon later than November 1st, though if the stage is resorted to the trip can be made at any time." Rev. Norman McLeod came in 1864 with Denver as his field, where not long after a church was established with a membership of twelve. The days of small things and severe trials lasted long. Rev. N. Thompson, in 1870, reports that he is



the only Congregational minister in the Territory. Before the end of the year a church, the sixth in the sisterhood, was formed by council at Greeley, with twenty-nine members, soon to increase to forty. In August of 1871 Mr. Thompson writes from Boulder that "the six churches have never had more than four ministers; one-half of the six are emaciated, two-thirds are famishing;" there has been a grievous outflow of population, and he ends by calling loudly for a home missionary superintendent to push things. Not until 1875 could this reasonable petition be at all regarded, and then only by sending Rev. J. W. Pickett from another State to explore and do general work for two months. In two years more Rev. R. T. Cross appears at Colorado Springs, where is a population of 3,000, and a church two years old which has had no pastor or regular preaching, but, notwithstanding, has steadily grown. In 1878 Mr. Pickett returned to the State as superintendent, wrought untiringly and heroically, but early in 1880 was killed in the midst of a night ride by the overturning of a stage. Soon after, Rev. C. C. Creegan was appointed to his place, by which time primitive days were over. The Colorado churches now number sixty, with 5,062 members.



## THOSE HELPFUL BOXES

BY A FAR-WESTERN SUPERINTENDENT

YOUR kind letter concerning the Broadway Tabernacle Church ladies and their missionary box for Mr. B. is at hand. I didn't get up and dance a jig when I read it, but I felt as happy as old Dr. MacLure, the "doctor of the old school," felt when he had saved the life of Annie Mitchell, after going "through the flood," or when he pulled Saunders safely through in his "fight with death." My wife, I think, cried a little, and I would, only that I am so big I was ashamed to. Of course she didn't weep much, and that was simply because we had come to take their part so fully that when the good news came that they were to be remembered by a church so noted as the Broadway Tabernacle is for its boxes, it seemed almost too good to be true. And right here I want you to say to those good women in that church that I had heard of their good works for a long time, and always hoped that some time I might get a chance to tell them so. I have heard more praise from Home Missionaries for the boxes sent out from them than from any other church in the East or the West; and I want them to know it. I am sure that some of these brave men at the front will remember them with loving gratitude as long as they live. The fact is, that there are some men in the ministry who are simply overwhelmed with the goodness of these friends and don't know what to say, or how to say it, and



so perhaps they do not *seem* appreciative. But never, till the day which reveals all things, will the donors know what they have done and what they are doing for some of God's dear children. And if ever I have a chance to meet them on this side the "river" I shall tell them so.

These boxes have made it possible for us to employ men who otherwise could not have been kept on the work ; for that part of the pledged salary that the people could pay in these hard times was not sufficient for them to live on and furnish food and clothing for their families. So that instead of coming merely as so many comforts or additional luxuries, they have been comforts and luxuries indeed, but more than that, they have been the *necessities without which the work must have been abandoned*.

I know I have not been as careful as I ought to have been in telling the Eastern friends how much we appreciate these boxes. I confess my sin in this regard, and humbly beg pardon ; but the superintendents are so busy, that it seems impossible to get time to say all the nice things we have in our hearts, and desire to write. The fact is, I was at home only three days during nearly two months just passed, and when I do get home there are scores of letters to write, and only a short time to write them in. And then with "the care of all the churches," and the trying to straighten out all the tangles, the looking after all the vacant pulpits, and the writing of a few words of comfort to some bereaved or despondent pastor, and all the other odds and ends, I know I let many of the little amenities of life go by default ; but I will try to do better in the future. Tell the dear thoughtful friends that the Master knows how much time and thought and self-sacrifice it costs them to do these kind things, and he will have some just such magnificent surprises in store for them individually, when they meet him in his kingdom, as they have made for the humble missionaries for whom they have toiled so long and faithfully.



## A CHAPTER OF HOME MISSIONARY WORK IN NEW YORK CITY

THE summer of 1894 had closed, the artists of autumn had given evidence that their season was on, and the best the earth yields filled the markets on our streets, when the shattered remnants of a minister gathered themselves together after a year's suffering, and he betook himself to New York City to investigate on his own account the religious needs of neighborhoods where no churches were visible to the naked eye.

As he sauntered over the West Side he was impressed with its many churches and their beautiful exteriors. Then he said to himself, "If the people here are lost from not availing themselves of spiritual privileges,

they deserve to be. Surely Christians have done all they can for West Side sinners."

He then made a general inspection of the East Side. A few inviting churches were found, but most of the places of worship were unattractive chapels, indicating that variety shows and brilliantly lighted saloons were more alluring to the every-day sinner than most of these places of worship. But the scarcity of even such edifices for worship was evident. He saw the East Side "full of boys and girls playing on the streets." In this it seemed richer by thirty-fold, at least, than the West Side. Many more people were in the parts where the fewest churches could be found than in those where a church adorned every three or four blocks.

But what impressed him most was the finding of long stretches with no church, no hall, no place that could be obtained for a public service. Sections of ten blocks square or more were found where many families would need to walk a mile to church, and most of them half a mile, and where a group of anywhere from 200 to 1,000 families could be ministered to by a church planted in the right location.

Then the question arose, Are not most of these families Roman Catholics? Is not that the reason why no church or chapel has sprung up among them? The scientific method was adopted. A canvass was made of fifty houses on one street, and the question asked, "Where is the nearest church? Do your children attend a Protestant or Catholic Sunday-school?" People do not like to be asked what their religion is, but they are only too glad to have any interest expressed in their children. So this form of question gained two points: it let the inquirer know how many children actually attended some Sunday-school, and whether the parents were Catholics or Protestants. The taking of fifty houses on different streets, covering about 350 families, gave the following results, viz., that a great many Protestant children attended no Sunday-school at all; that many more attended irregularly (not having been back since vacation; *i.e.*, they had been absent from June 30 to November); that very few parents ever attended church; and that no minister ever called. But they had their children baptized, a minister married most of them, most would send for some minister when they thought one of their sick was not likely to recover, and all wanted a minister to officiate at funerals. In not more than about ten families out of the 350 was there a church or minister that they regarded as their own. Another fact to emphasize is that Protestants outnumber the Catholics in every row of fifty families—about ten Protestant families to one Catholic family—except in one instance, where, in a row of tumble-down old tenements, it was said that all were Catholics. Investigation showed, however, that of the twenty families ten were Catholics and ten were Protestants. (Our poor non-church-going Protestants are supposed to be Catholics by most of their neighbors.) These

investigations were made from the section of the city between 110th and 169th Streets.

The writer decided to "agitate" concerning the occupation of these fields. He selected three neighborhoods on which to focalize attention. One was within half a mile of a Congregational church, and its pastor objected to a Congregational enterprise so near him; he preferred another denomination. The next field was receiving at the same time the attention of the Dutch Reformed brethren—pastors of two different congregations combining their efforts to occupy and maintain it. The field left was within half a mile of a Congregational church, but the pastor was eagerly waiting to encourage his denomination to occupy it. He and his people seconded the efforts to plant a church and Sunday-school, and the field was prepared for the Congregational Home Missionary Society to place an evangelist in it, which was promptly done.

The section comprising this parish is bounded by East 138th Street, the Sound, and Brook Avenue. There was no hall, no unoccupied store, nothing but a tenement house available for use where worship and Sunday-school might be housed. There was no church within about six blocks, and only two churches within a reasonable distance. The facts revealed by the investigation show how much the work was needed; and a look into the character of the people emphasizes the fact of its need of spiritual ministrations. Two years ago there were 700 families; apartments have since been built that add 500 more families. There is a population of 4,000 residents, besides a day population of persons residing elsewhere, who work in our twelve factories, forty stores, and fifteen saloons, making a total of 6,000 persons. There are over 1,200 children of Sunday-school age, of whom at least 1,000 are Protestants, yet not more than half of them attend any Sunday-school, and conditions favor the rank weeds of city heathenism. Another Sunday-school has been started, using the German language for the little ones, that in no wise interferes with the English work, and is an appendage to a German Lutheran church too far away for their little ones to attend.

This chapter we draw to a close by narrating just what has been done. A church is organized and now numbers twenty-five members. A church corporation, through its trustees, has purchased two lots, fifty feet front by eighty feet deep, on East 135th Street, near Trinity Avenue. There is a mortgage on them, and the interest has been taken care of. The running expenses of about twenty-five dollars a month have been paid, and about \$400 are raised towards a building fund. The new enterprise is now knocking at the doors of the Church Extension and Church Building Societies for help to build a chapel.

Up to this point the only expense of the undertaking has been the salary of the evangelist, paid entirely by the Congregational Home Mis-

sionary Society. But to put the church upon its feet it must have a building, and will need the generous aid of the denomination. It is limited by its cramped quarters ; the obstacles have been great : no suitable place of worship, the general financial depression, the high price of lots in this part of the city, and the strain on our denominational societies to carry on the older fields, have made this enterprise appear in the light of an intruder, born prematurely, and so noisy and insistent for attention and care that the denominational nurses have their private opinions about it ; but they will do their duty by this latest-born daughter, situated up in the front of Hell Gate, and nothing daunted, with the world, the flesh, and the devil all about her, she uses the gospel weapon of faith, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail !



## GIVING FOR MISSIONS

BY MRS. E. R. DRAKE, DENVER, COLORADO

WHEN asked to write something upon the subject of Giving for Missions, I said to myself, What more can be said on this subject, which has already been worn threadbare ? How can I present it so that some new light may shine upon it, or at least the old light may reflect it in a new and more telling way ? As I studied God's Word and thought upon the old way of giving instituted by God, ages ago, I found myself drawn toward God's plan of "tithing" as the solution of the great missionary money problem of to-day.

That *we should give* is a fact long since established. How much shall we give ? is the question many have not settled, or at least settled practically. But why not let God settle it ? Why not follow the commands and teachings of his Book, the "lamp unto our feet and the light unto our path" ? From the beginning God must have known how much of this world's store was needed to advance his kingdom and carry on his work.

To review the history of God's plan, we have only to go back to Abraham in his meeting with Melchisedek, the priest of God, "to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all ;" to Jacob and his covenant with God ; to the people of Israel all down through the history of the Old Testament and the New, even to the present, with their tithes and offerings to the Lord. And we must not fail to notice Christ's recognition of the custom and its justice, in his rebuke to the boastful Pharisees, who, recounting their good deeds, said they went so far as to tithe even the herbs they used. Christ says, "These ought ye to have done." Then bear in mind the fact that for the first ten centuries of the Christian era the practice



was never called in question, but the Christian church paid tithes as a lawful custom until, with many other good things, it was lost in the dark ages. But weightier than all these is the argument that will come : *God knew how much he needed!* In the palmiest days of the children of Israel a tenth proved an abundance. The crying need of the present, in God's work, is money ; and it has been estimated that a tenth of the income of Christians to-day would fill to overflowing the Lord's treasures and push to a speedy end the evangelization of the whole world.

And why may we not know the blessedness of this obedience to God, this giving as he asks, giving back what he has set apart for himself? How this simplifies the subject of giving, and leaves no room for query or quibble in our benevolences. Instead of this question, "How much ought I to give," coming up for answer each time, it is forever settled. "The tithe is the Lord's," and I cannot choose but pay him what is his. Depend upon it, the other nine-tenths will go much further than the whole with a niggardly pittance taken out.

But some will say, "This comes so much harder on the poor than on the rich." True, it does, seemingly ; but so does keeping the Sabbath—the giving of one day in seven to God—seem more grievous to the poor man than the rich ; but is it? Has it not been fully demonstrated that he can do more with the six-sevenths of his time, giving the other seventh to God and rest, than he could by using the whole for labor? Do you count it hard that the poor man, out of his limited supply, should lay by seed corn for the harvest of another year? No more is it hard to plant the tenth in God's vineyard, from which, in blessings, the most abundant harvest is promised. I love to consider it as a sort of rental for the use of God's good stores he so bountifully measures out to us. Should you rent your farm, would you be pleased with the tenant who considers the share you ask as your rental a free gift from him to you? Would you expect him to say, in speaking of it, I *give* my landlord, as a free gift, so much for the use of his property? No more does God look with favor upon us, I believe, when we fail in the payment of our tithe, or count it a gift to him. No, the real gifts come after the tithe is paid.

Let us read the words in Malachi iii., and give them their rightful meaning. We have fallen into the habit of making these words mean anything else than what God meant they should mean ; viz.: money, first-fruits, offerings. So used have we become to applying them to conditions of heart and mind in revival seasons, that we have forgotten the context, which translates the real significance. Let us begin back with the text in the eighth verse and read through the twelfth :

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a

curse ; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground : neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed ; for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts."

Can we any longer relegate this truth to its established but mistaken use? No ; but brandish it like the sword God meant it to be, piercing our pocketbooks and dividing the tenth for himself ; piercing our bank dividends, our money from our produce, our liberal amounts set aside for our tables and our dress ; the income from our business, whatever it may be—the day's labor, the weekly or monthly wages, or the vast sums which come into our princely merchants' coffers—from one and all the tenth is separated as holy to the Lord ; and whether we recognize it or not, in the light of this Scripture, "The tenth is the Lord's."

But one will say, "Would you limit your giving to a tithe in all cases?" By no means. This is a small part of what some should give, and as truly all that many others ought to give. Remember God said to the Jews, "tithes and offerings;" and with many the "offering" should be a much larger amount than the tenth, while with others, the "turtle dove," or a "few goat's hairs" would limit their possibility. To give until we feel it brings the richest blessing. The "offerings" of the Jews were the gifts after the required amount had been paid, and it had been estimated that the entire amount given by the Jews would not be far from twenty-five per cent. of their income.

I know well that the tenth does look large when we separate it from our small incomes, but how niggardly even this would seem in the light of eternity, when we can compare truly our plenty with the suffering need of the heathen and godless in our own and other lands. May God forgive us for our weakness when we set aside our gifts for him. Can he ever forgive us? is the question that will come when we look at the subject in its true light.

Dr. Josiah Strong, in his wonderful book, "Our Country," tells us that in 1880 there was in the hands of American Christians alone the vast sum of \$8,728,400,000, and of this only one-sixteenth of one per cent. was given for missions, home and foreign. In this same year he says 10,000,000 American Christians gave \$5,500,000, or an average of fifty-five cents each, for missions, while 10,000,000 other American people gave \$900,000,000, or an average of ninety dollars each, for intoxicating drinks. What can we conclude, he adds, but that the dram drinkers of America think more of

their drink than Christians for the souls of the perishing? Oh, terrible statement! But can we deny it?

It seems almost, in the light of God's Word, that we have hitherto been playing at giving. We have planned and prayed and worked in ways, too often I fear, that would hardly bear careful investigation Godward to raise the small sums that bring into our treasuries from many sources the all insufficient aggregate; while had we spent one-half the time and strength in preaching and teaching God's old and time-tried plans, around the obedience to which cluster blessings from Genesis to Revelation; and around the disobedience, from the beginning until now, have gathered want, disaster, lack of blessing and power; the treasuries would, we believe, have been full, and thousands who have gone down to death unsaved because of lack of money to send to them the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would rise up in the resurrection to call us blessed.

Had God never commanded this, were there no word of promise to those who should keep the command, still there would be abundant reason why we should set aside the tenth—because it would answer the demand; because it would supply the pressing need, and bring to its dawn the day of the Lord speedily.

Can we afford longer to ignore God's claims upon us; to cheat ourselves out of the blessing; to let another generation come to maturity with no better knowledge and practice on this subject, and no greater blessing than this generation has had? Or shall we call a halt now, even to-day, to this lax and inefficient method of dealing out our littles to the Lord—too much of which often is begged from unwilling givers—and set heart and hand to the obedience of God our Father?

“And God is able to make *all* grace to *abound* toward you, that ye *always* having *all* sufficiency in *all* things may abound to every good work.”

Oh, what a band of followers would rejoice next year could each of us say, I have paid the Lord his tithe, I have offered willingly. Truly, then, should we have lifted our beloved land to a plane of blessedness, and still should we have left to push the work in unblessed countries.

O that I might be able to say the word that would rivet this necessity of obedience home upon every heart! Then should I feel that my lips might forevermore be silent, except in glad thanksgiving to God.

A few years ago there was a riot in the city of Chicago. The police force was called out to quell it, but unwilling to use violence upon their brothers, the riot waxed fearlessly hotter and hotter. Then the city militia was called out, but to no better purpose. Finally, driven to the wall, the city officials telegraphed the State militia, stationed some distance away, to come at once, for the need was pressing. With all speed, not stopping for rest or food, the troops came; and dusty, worn, and

travel-soiled they left the train in haste, and marched with their steady and unwavering tramp, tramp, to the scene of the riot. Already their influence was felt, and fear began to possess the crowd in the streets. An Irishman tremblingly stepped up to one of the soldiers as he was passing, and said: "I say, but yez wouldn't shoot, would yez?" "I'll do just what the captain orders, sir," said the true soldier, while his eyes were never taken from the front, nor his firm step slackened for a moment. It is needless to add that the riot was quelled.

Taking a lesson from this, shall we not, with our eyes fixed upon *our* leader, say, "I will do just what *my Captain* commands," and push gloriously on to victory?



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

THE Conference of Secretaries of State Congregational Home Missionary Societies Auxiliary to the Congregational Home Missionary Society convened, for its twenty-fourth annual meeting, at the Congregational House, Boston, Mass., at nine A. M., Tuesday, October 27, 1896. There were present:

Rev. David P. Hatch, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society; Rev. Alfred T. Hillman, Secretary of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society; Rev. Charles H. Merrill, Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society; Rev. Joshua Coit, Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; Rev. William H. Moore, Secretary of the Missionary Society of Connecticut; Rev. Ethan Curtis, Secretary of the New York Home Missionary Society.

Also, by invitation:

Rev. Joseph B. Clark, Secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society; Rev. William G. Puddefoot, Field Secretary of the same.

Mr. Merrill was made chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr. Coit. Messrs. Curtis and Hillman were made a Committee on Business. The report of the treasurer was made and accepted. The report of the registrar, including a programme, was made and accepted.

It was *voted*: That the next annual meeting be held at the Congregational House, Boston, Mass., at nine A. M., Tuesday, October 26, 1897; also that the minutes, when approved, be offered for publication in The Home Missionary. The Committee on Business made a report, which was accepted.

Topics were considered as follows:

1. How far shall a Missionary Society dictate the kind of a man for an aided church?



2. The expediency of putting a good man, well paid, over four small churches, to be visited each one whole week in succession.

3. *Congregational Work.*

(a) Its character and prospects.

(b) What can be done for its circulation in the auxiliary States?

At 12:30 a recess was taken till two.

At two resumed consideration of topics.

4. How many churches fail to contribute, as churches, for Home Missions?

(a) What are some of the causes of the failure?

(b) What can the Congregational Home Missionary Society do in the case?

5. The condition and outlook of the field of each Secretary:

(1) Vermont, Mr. Merrill.

(2) Maine, Mr. Hatch.

(3) Congregational Home Missionary Society, Mr. Clark.

(4) New York, Mr. Curtis.

At 4:30 adjourned till nine A. M., Wednesday.

At nine A. M., Wednesday, prayer was offered by Mr. Hillman.

The consideration of fields was resumed:

(5) New Hampshire, Mr. Hillman.

(6) Massachusetts, Mr. Coit.

(7) Connecticut, Mr. Moore.

The minutes were approved.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Moore.

At eleven the body adjourned.

WILLIAM H. MOORE, *Registrar.*



## HOW A MAN LOOKS AT IT

### A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM TURKEY IN ASIA

I HAVE just been looking over The Home Missionary for August, and it is so good, I want to tell you right off how I enjoyed it; how I was comforted, cheered, encouraged, stimulated by it. As a great army covering a vast expanse of territory in its wide operations, one division may be hard pressed, but it is inspired with fresh hope and strength if it hears that another division in another part of the field is sweeping victoriously onward. We are rather hard pressed this year; our appropriations were reduced about fifty per cent. to start with. The spirit of lawlessness has greatly increased, so that we are pestered and bothered in many ways people would not have ventured on a year ago.

"To heaven I lift mine eyes; from God is all my aid."

And now I want to say, that it seems to me you have hit the nail squarely on the head in your "Word of Explanation" in the August issue of *The Home Missionary*, in what you say of dropping the word "Woman," and calling your organizations "Homeland Unions." I have rejoiced in the increasing activity of woman in all good works, but I have viewed with much apprehension the tendency to draw the *sex* line. It seems to me that in Christian activities the sex line should be largely obliterated. As I understand it, in the church of Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female." Being one in Christ Jesus, there is an essential equality of right and privilege. It would take too long to try to carry the thing out to its ultimate conclusion, and would be only tiresome to you. Very possibly I should run up against stumps myself, for I have not thought the thing clear through!

Of two things I feel sure: that woman should have a much larger share in the direction and management of the activities of the church than was thought at all proper twenty years ago, and, on the other hand, that attempts to divide the work on sex lines are to be most earnestly deprecated. Why should we have "Woman's Work for Woman" any more than "Man's Work for Man"? Of course, there are things woman can do better than man, and others that man can do better than woman. Let the principle be carried out of giving each individual what he or she can do best, or, rather, employing the best person available for each service.

Am I a very old foggy? Let us not say, "Mary must not address a meeting, must not manage the treasury, simply because she is a woman; nor that John must not say a word about the girls' schools, simply because he is a man." Let us try to have it *one work* in which both Mary and John engage, each doing the part he or she can do best, but helping each other, taking each the other's place, if necessary.—*A Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M.*



## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04
August.....3,460.00	487.56	2,167.21	6,114.77
September....9,148.64	610.00	5,775.99	15,534.63
October....7,115.88	218.85	1,646.85	8,981.58
November....12,533.97	331.00	30,845.53	43,710.50

[As our "Treasury Note" for this month, will our readers please accept the following samples of the many series of responses to the appeal printed in The Home Missionary for December, page 419?—ED.]

I INCLOSE draft on Boston for one hundred dollars. I trust the Lord may move many other persons to do likewise. Surely these heralds of the Cross who go to the front and deny themselves the comforts of home, and many of whom, as I know, endure great privation and hardship, should be paid and sustained. I think the country is now entering upon an era of prosperity in which I hope and believe your Society will share. I trust the Great Shepherd of the sheep and Head of the church will move his people to come to your relief.—*House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

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I AM pained to the heart by that terrible debt. The faithful missionaries must be paid. I have given already all I thought I could for the cause this year, but I must do more now, and I hope everyone who learns the state of things will feel as I do and do all he can to relieve the situation. Inclosed find my check.—*A Massachusetts Lady.*

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I AM distressed for the Congregational Home Missionary Society and yet can do so little to help. Two weeks ago I sent twenty dollars through our weekly offering, thinking it was all I could spare, but a little money has come to me unexpectedly, and here are ten more. God grant that this cloud may soon be lifted.—*Connecticut.*

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INCLOSED please find my check. I regret that it is such a trifle, and would be thankful could I send twenty times the amount. The cause is very near to my heart.—*A Lady of Washington, D. C.*

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I REGRET to be obliged to say that fire and heavy losses have wiped out practically the saving of fifty years' industry and economy and left me in a position to do nothing for the great missionary enterprises, except to contribute my little through our local church.—*Massachusetts.*

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YOUR appeal is at hand. Would that it were possible to pay the debt myself, for my heart is with you. The situation here enables us to realize in some degree the burden which rests upon you. But it is God's cause, and in some way he will bring light out of darkness. It may not be in our way, or our time, but it will be in his own way and time. His word to us is, "Be strong and of good courage."—*Michigan.*

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I AM deeply interested in the work of the Society and wish it were in my power to make a gift that would materially relieve the burdened

treasury. But such pleasure is denied me. I will, however, early next month gladly send my mite, not forgetting the real meaning of "the widow's mite," and practicing self-denial that I may add this to the gifts I am making in other directions. Hoping that in some way many hearts may be touched with the need of earnest effort and giving.—*An Illinois Lady.*

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I AM very sorry for the stress laid on you, and have just given \$200 to our State treasurer, which he will forward to you this week. Wish we could do more, but this will be one of the rills, which I hope may be many and prompt, in answer to your appeal.—*A New Hampshire Pastor.*

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I INCLOSE herewith my check for \$100 towards the needs of the Society, and wish most sincerely that I could make it ten times as much, but the demands upon me this year have been greater than ever and I cannot in justice to other interests make the amount larger.—*Boston, Mass.*

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YOUR circular of course causes pain, and it is quite as much to relieve my own feelings, as to inform you, that I write. We have arranged to have a special service and collection for the Home Missionary Society's work next Sunday. I trust you may receive something proportionate and encouraging for this emergency.—*A Connecticut Lady.*

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THE letter sent by your Board of Secretaries is certainly very pathetic. How I wish I had the money for you! We are loaded here in Missouri, and my church is especially loaded; but I shall bring this matter before our committee at an early day and we will see what we can do. Our hearts are with you. May God bless the workers and the work through you and the Society you represent.—*A Missouri Pastor.*

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MY husband and I have decided to have an every-day dinner to-day and contribute our mite to this good work. Would it were ten thousand times what it is.—*Maine.*

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IN response to your appeal I take pleasure in sending my check, only wishing it were a hundred times that amount. Some time ago I received a small sum of money from a very aged aunt of mine, which sum she asked me to "use in some good cause." The inclosed is that sum and a small contribution of my own. The cause, I am sure, could not possibly be better. Hoping that divine Providence will cause many contributions to be sent you, and from men able to give more abundantly than I, I am, very truly.—*Massachusetts.*



## APPOINTMENTS IN NOVEMBER, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Appelman, Hiram H., Sauk Rapids and Cable, Minn.  
 Brotherton, J. Howard, Worthing, So. Dak.  
 Churchill, Geo. W., Perkins, Okla.  
 Crawford, Chas. H., Baltimore, Md.  
 Davis, Albert A., Lakeland and South Stillwater, Minn.  
 Ferguson, Frank P., Big Lake and Orrock, Minn.  
 Gourley, Thomas H., Lenora, Kan.  
 Grove, J. F., Evangelist in Ill.  
 Grupe, F. W., Buffalo, Wyo.  
 Johnson, B. O., Renovo, Penn.  
 Lyman, Harvey Austin, South Shore, Mazeppa, and Troy, So. Dak.  
 Mac Ayeal, H. S., Omaha, Neb.  
 Parsons, James, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Perkins, Mrs. Eliza B., Silver Creek, Neb.  
 Poeton, Josiah, Taylor, Neb.  
 Rogers, W. P., Groveland, Minn.  
 Rose, Wm. Franklin, Steilacoom, Wash.  
 Rowe, George W., Hackleburgh, Ala.  
 Spanswick, Thomas W., Hennessey, Okla.  
 Swain, Carl J., Lyle, Minn.  
 Umsted, Owen, Longton, Kan.  
 Weage, A. D., Paso Robles, Cal.  
 Wilkinson, Wm. A., Abercrombie, No. Dak.  
 Woodford, Burton H., Dayton, Ranchester, and Parkman, Wyo.

*Recommissioned*

Adams, James Robert, Bevier, Mo.  
 Austin, Henry H., Big Horn, Wyo.  
 Beauchamp, Jethro M., Willard and Salem, Ore.  
 Brier, J. W., Antioch, Cal.  
 Bright, David Franklin, Trenton and Fairview, Neb.

Camfield, Lewis Emerson, Ward Academy and Kirkwood, So. Dak.  
 Cibula, Jan, Braddock, Penn.  
 Cunningham, John T., Randall, Minn.  
 Dibble, Wm. L., Winona, Minn.  
 Egerland, Franz, General Missionary among the Germans in Ill.  
 Evans, Howell M., Grand Island, Neb.  
 Fisher, Owen D., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Fowler, Olin L., Alderton, McMillen, and Orting, Wash.  
 Hall, Frederick E., Palestine, Texas.  
 Hankemeyer, Nathaniel W., Deming, New Mex.  
 Houston, A. S., Indianola, Neb.  
 Ingham, John E., Mazeppa and Zumbro Falls, Minn.  
 Jenkins, J. Alex., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Jones, John Lewis, Clearwater and Hasty, Minn.  
 Libby, Edgar H., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Marcellus, David, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Moore, Wm. N., Great Falls, Mont.  
 Nelson, A. G., District Missionary in Minn.  
 Parker, Stanton Alonzo, Ft. Calhoun, Neb.  
 Pease, William P., Hay Springs, Neb.  
 Pederson, Ludvig J., Fargo, No. Dak.  
 Pettigrew, Mrs. Nina D., Keystone, So. Dak.  
 Ricker, Albert E., Chadron, Neb.  
 Rominger, Henry V., Crawford, Neb.  
 Root, John, Sauk Rapids and St. Cloud, Minn.  
 Roth, Victor Wilhelm, Hope, Idaho.  
 Scroggs, Miss Bessie B., Rogers, Ark.  
 Scroggs, J. W., Rogers, Ark.  
 Smith, L. Adams, Christopher and Star Lake, Wash.  
 Stewart, William John, Amery, Wis.  
 Sumner, Frederick A., Glenwood, Minn.  
 Thomas, Isaac, Horatio and Lindsay, Penn.  
 Thompson, Thomas, Revillo, So. Dak.  
 Tomlin, David R., Frankfort, So. Dak.  
 Upton, Rufus P., Custer and Garvin, Minn.  
 Vaile, Chas. S., Monrovia, Cal.

## RECEIPTS IN NOVEMBER, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 473 to 476

## MAINE—\$120.46.

Biddeford, Second, by E. H. Goldthwaite.....	\$37 65
Gorham, Friends.....	1 00
Kennebunk, Union Ch., by H. S. Brigham.....	55 19
Portland, "Ladies of Bethel Ch.".....	26 62

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$424.42; of which legacy, \$27.30.

N. H. H. M. Soc., Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treas.....	302 22
F. C. I. and H. M. U. of N. H., Miss A. A. McFarland, Treas.....	8 00
Claremont, by H. W. Frost.....	25 00
Exeter, Estate of Mrs. A. W. Chadwick, by F. H. Wiggins.....	27 30
Francestown, Dea. M. B. Fisher, by A. Downes.....	5 00
Hanover, A few ladies, by Mrs. C. O. Blaisdell.....	20 00
Lebanon, by Mrs. D. B. Carter.....	34 80
Meredith, Miss H. J. Leavitt.....	2 10

## VERMONT—\$80.04; of which legacy, \$10.

Bellows Falls, First S. S., by N. G. Williams.....	\$6 15
Benson, by Rev. C. E. Hitchcock.....	7 00
Royalton, Mrs. S. A. Danforth.....	5 00
Rupert, by G. R. Thompson.....	19 00
Springfield, by B. F. Aldrich.....	9 64
Vergennes, by A. Ross.....	15 00
Estate of J. Bingham, by Ira Bingham, Ex.....	10 00
Vermont, A Friend.....	5 00
Waterbury, S. S. Rally, by Mrs. R. M. Forrest.....	3 25

## MASSACHUSETTS — \$31,385.92; of which legacies, \$28,662.31.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	500 00
By request of donors, of which for Salary Fund, \$62.....	459 39
Woman's H. M. Assoc., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:	
Amherst.....	163 00

Ayer, First, by Mrs. M. L. Kingsbury	\$8 50
Beverly, Dane Street, by H. R. White	48 83
Blandford, First, by W. E. Hinsdale	41 27
Boston, Estate of J. A. Ambrose, by T. Weston, Esq.	302 00
A Friend, In His Name.	100 00
A Friend	100 00
Brookline, L. C. Whitney	50 00
Cambridge, A. A. Steele	100 00
C. H. Warner	50 00
Canton, E. A. Morse	100 00
Clinton, First Evan. S. S., by E. L. Greene	6 42
Concord, M. E. Ames	50 00
Danvers, M. E. Batson	1 00
Dedham, "Towards the debt, from Sabbath Mite Box."	6 00
Dorchester, Estate of Mrs. E. J. W. Baker, by B. C. Hardwick and H. P. Williams, Exs.	20,760 31
Estate of Mrs. E. J. W. Baker	6,000 00
Easthampton, Payson Ch., by H. L. Clark	30 00
Fitchburg, Rev. and Mrs. John Wood	15 00
Gilbertville, S. S. Rally, by E. M. Marsh	12 50
Haverhill, Estate of Mary B. Jones, in part, by G. C. Clement and Samuel Merrill, Exs.	1,000 00
Holyoke, Second, by J. N. Hubbard	281 05
Ladies' Prayer Circle of the Second, by Mrs. F. H. Chamberlin	10 00
Jamaica Plain, C. T. Bauer	12 00
Ludlow, Union Ch., by A. H. Halford	14 85
Monson, by E. F. Morris	27 00
Natick, E. S. Hayes	10 00
Mrs. A. Walker	3 00
New Bedford, North Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., by J. W. Buchanan	25 00
Newburyport, E. S. Moseley	25 00
Northampton, L. Maltby	10 00
North Blandford, Second, by Mrs. F. M. Bliss	3 00
Norton, Trin. Ch., add'l, Mrs. E. B. Wheaton	100 00
Oxford, Mrs. S. W. Smith	10 00
Pawtucketville, L. A. Morrill, in full, to const. Miss E. F. Morrill a L. M.	48 00
Pepperell, On account of Estate of Rev. E. W. Harrington, by C. Crosby	600 00
Petersham, S. S. Rally, by C. Bohanon	1 40
Pittsfield, F. S. Bissell	2 00
Salem, Tabernacle Ch., by J. H. Phippen	12 00
Tabernacle S. S., \$17; Y. P. S. C. E., \$33, by J. H. Phippen	50 00
Scituate, S. S., by C. Hayward	1 08
Sheffield, by Dr. A. T. Wakefield	5 46
Southbridge, W. G. Reed	5 00
Mrs. L. A. Carleton, by W. G. Reed	2 00
J. A. Hall	50 00
South Hadley Falls, "In His Name."	20 00
Springfield, Hope Ch., by R. R. Upson	44 28
Waltham, G. W. Poore	10 00
Ware, Silver Circle, H. S. Hyde	25 00
G. B. Cutler	1 00
Westfield, First, by M. E. Searle	10 08
Worcester, Plymouth Ch., by F. W. Chase	1 00
Phenyo-Caffien Co.	10 00
Miss M. R. Goddard	2 50
Cash	50 00

## RHODE ISLAND—\$631.00.

R. I. H. M. Soc., J. W. Rice, Treas...	500 00
Central Falls	85 00
Auburn, Mrs. C. A. Foster	1 00
Pawtucket, "Cash"	20 00
Providence, Cyrus Carleton	15 00
Mrs. E. P. Johnson, by Rev. S. H. Woodrow	10 00

CONNECTICUT—\$3,950.46; of which  
legacies, \$1,150.00.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., by Rev. W. H. Moore	\$269 75
Ansonia, E. Bartlett	3 80
Branford, A. J. Palmer	10 00
Connecticut, Cash	25 00
Connecticut, "Thanksgiving"	500 00
Cornwall, Estate of S. C. Beers	250 00
Coventry, S. S. of the Second, Rally, by A. Kingsbury	5 00
Danbury, First S. S., by A. I. Gordon	25 00
Durham, Mrs. H. L. Newton	10 00
Enfield, S. S. of the First, by F. A. King	50 00
Greenwich, S. S. of the Second, by H. O. Childs	25 49
Miss E. C. Mead, \$5; Miss L. C. Mead, \$5, Silver Circle	10 00
Guilford, First, by E. W. Leete, to const. Miss H. M. Culver a L. M.	50 00
Hadlyme, R. E. Hungerford	5 00
Hartford, Center S. S., Thanksgiving offering	11 36
Mrs. M. A. Williams, Thanksgiving offering	20 00
Roland Mather	1,000 00
Higginum, S. S., by Mrs. D. A. Hun- tington	43 00
Manchester, Estate of Amos L. Spencer, by A. H. Skinner, Ex.	700 00
Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund, by Rev. J. M. Barber	10 00
Meriden, A Friend	2 00
Naugatuck, In memory of Dea. James Smith	100 00
New Haven, United Ch., add'l, "A Thank offering"	50 00
Howard Avenue, by Rev. W. J. Mutch	29 34
"A Friend" in United Ch	50 00
F. C. Cannon	5 00
M. T. Landfear	20 00
New London, A Friend, First Ch. of Christ	10 00
New Milford, A Friend	5 00
Norfolk, Legacy of Harriet B. John- son, by J. T. Levi, Adm.	200 00
A Friend	10 00
Norwalk, Miss J. A. Lockwood	10 00
Norwich, Rev. L. W. Barney	5 00
G. D. Coit	10 00
S. L. H.	5 00
Salisbury, Woman's Board of H. M., by Mrs. A. B. Robbins	29 30
Saybrook, L. B. Ward	10 00
South Norwalk, C. M. Lawrence, Thanksgiving offering	1 00
Stonington, Second, by C. T. Stanton	30 00
Tolland, Union Y. P. S. C. E., by E. B. Sumner	5 00
Unionville, Woman's Miss. Soc., by C. T. Marsh	12 00
Wallingford, by J. N. Platt	125 00
Washington, A Friend	1 00
Waterbury, Mrs. I. Upson, First Ch., by Mrs. M. D. Griggs	1 00
Watertown, Friends	2 00
West Hartford, W. E. Johnson	10 00
Wilton, S. S. Rally, by Rev. W. D. Hart	7 42
Woodbridge, by W. M. Beecher	55 00
Woman's H. M. Union of Conn., Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.	
For Salary Fund	\$25 00
Bridgewater, Aux., by Mrs. E. A. Evitts, for Salary Fund	17 00
Hartford, First, Friend, for Salary Fund	25 00
First, Miss E. Bunce, for Salary Fund	22 00

Middletown, First, by Mrs. J. H. Bunce, Mrs. H. Gilbert's Dime Bank .....	\$5 00	
New Britain, South Ch., Friend, by Mrs. S. H. Wood, for Salary Fund.....	3 00	
Poquonock, Aux., by Mrs. N. T. Merwin, for Salary Fund.....	30 00	
		\$127 00

NEW YORK—\$2,437.84; of which legacy, \$57.00.

Received by William Spalding, Treas.:

Ashville, S. S. ....	\$5 00	
Busti .....	3 05	
Griffin's Mills .....	6 00	
Homer .....	20 25	
Middletown, North Street Ch. ....	8 00	
North Java .....	5 00	
Phoenix .....	10 00	
Siloam, Welsh .....	19 10	
Summer Hill .....	15 00	
Syracuse, South Avenue....	6 63	
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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas. ....	\$30 00	
Buffalo, First.....	40 00	
Northville .....	20 00	
West Winfield, Ladies' Aid, for Salary Fund, \$10; from Dime Banks, \$20....	30 00	
		120 00

Albany, A Friend .....	50 00	
A. S. Carleton .....	5 00	
H. M. Paine .....	25 00	
Fred M., Willard D., Robert M., and Arthur W. Eames, by M. E. Eames .....	25 00	
Aquebogue, Ch., \$9.25; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.25, by Rev. G. L. Wells ..	11 50	
Bangor, T. Adams, by Rev. R. E. Andrew .....	20 00	
Binghamton, Mrs. C. A. Morris ..	40	
Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue, by P. Palmer .....	1,000 00	
Puritan Ch., by H. A. W. Goll ..	45 00	
South Ch., by E. D. Ford .....	169 83	
Y. P. S. C. E. of the Lee Avenue Ch., by C. Deknated .....	10 00	
A. G. Brinkerhoff .....	25 00	
Mrs. L. P. Brockett .....	1 00	
Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Macky .....	25 00	
L. F. Rand .....	10 00	
Mrs. T. P. Wilkinson .....	20 00	
W. H. Williams .....	25 00	
A Friend .....	150 00	
Buffalo, First, by R. K. Strickland ..	150 00	
Castile, G. A. Davis .....	5 00	
Churchville, by A. D. Stone .....	16 72	
Clifton Springs, Two Friends .....	10 00	
Eldred, E. B. Wilson .....	5 00	
Elizabethtown, A Friend .....	5 00	
Fairport, by M. Olney .....	35 00	
Farmingville, by F. I. Terry .....	3 04	
Fredonia, Mrs. S. R. Bishop .....	1 00	
Glen Spey, by J. F. Whitney .....	9 00	
Granville, Welsh Ch., Rally, by E. J. Ellis .....	3 14	
Ithaca, Mrs. R. P. Todd .....	5 00	
Jamestown, S. S. of the First, by F. R. Moody .....	8 86	
Massena, by M. J. Stearns .....	5 00	
Mineville, Mrs. L. Reed .....	1 00	
Munnsville, Miss M. C. Gaston .....	6 00	

New York City, S. S. of Central Ch... G. S. Hickok, \$25; Mrs. G. S. Hickok, \$5.....	\$5 45	
S. M. B. ....	30 00	
S. M. B. ....	1 00	
New York State, A Friend .....	15 00	
Northville, by J. T. Downs .....	24 04	
Norwood, by W. D. Fuller .....	15 15	
Oswego, W. F. and Juliet A. Cook ..	1 00	
Port Leyden, A Friend .....	5 00	
Rochester, A Friend .....	10 00	
Sayville, Ch., \$21.20; S. S., \$16.73, by W. Green .....	37 93	
Walton, A Friend .....	50 00	
Wellsville, by Miss F. Crittenden ..	35 20	
West Bloomfield, by Mrs. G. B. Ayers ..	33 05	
West Winfield, by A. A. Leach .....	13 50	
Willsborough, Estate of Mrs. S. A. Stower, by A. J. B. Ross .....	57 00	

NEW JERSEY—\$28.23.

Bloomfield, M. E. C. ....	10 00	
Cedar Grove, by Rev. B. F. Bradford	15 00	
Perth Amboy, Swedish, by Rev. C. O. Sjoberg .....	3 23	

PENNSYLVANIA—\$463.32; of which legacy, \$438.92.

Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. T. W. Jones, Treas.:		
Ebensburgh .....	\$5 00	
West Spring Creek .....	1 00	
		6 00

Allegheny, add'l, by Mrs. A. H. Claf- lin .....	3 15	
Arnot, Swedish, by Rev. C. J. Wide- berg .....	2 50	
Chandler's Valley, Swedish, by Rev. C. J. Lundquist .....	1 25	
Lancaster, A Friend .....	5 00	
Pittsburg, Estate of Ellen P. Jones, by William Lewis, Ex. ....	438 92	
Plymouth, Puritan, by Rev. T. McKay .....	1 50	
Scranton, Plymouth S. S., by S. Hughes .....	3 00	
Warren, Bethlehem Scand. Ch., by Rev. J. A. Dahlgren .....	2 00	

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$515.00; of which legacy, \$500.00.

Washington, Estate of John B. Tay- lor, by E. H. Breckenridge, Ex...	500 00	
Ralph Dunning .....	15 00	

GEORGIA—\$48.78.

Atlanta, Central Ch., by C. E. Kemp ..	48 78	
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ALABAMA—\$6.00.

Ft. Wayne, Emanuel, by Rev. J. J. Bunnell .....	5 00	
Jenifer, Colored Ch., by Miss M. J. Smith .....	1 00	

LOUISIANA—\$1.00.

Long Straw, by Rev. J. Brue .....	1 00	
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ARKANSAS—\$5.00.

Little Rock, Mrs. J. Coates .....	5 00	
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FLORIDA—\$1.00.		Columbus, Eastwood, for Salary Fund .....	\$15 00
Longwood, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. G. W. Hardaway.....	\$1 00	Eastwood, Dime Banks of Eddie Reels and Estill Woods .....	10 00
TEXAS—\$10.00.		Gomer, for Salary Fund...	1 50
Paris, by Rev. L. Rees.....	10 00	Strongsville, Dime Bank of Mrs. H. Clark.....	5 00
OKLAHOMA—\$25.38.		Toledo, Central, Dime Bank of Miss G. Wright.....	5 00
Burwick and Cimaron, by Rev. S. J. McReynolds.....	2 50	\$61 00	
Carney and Lincoln, by Rev. W. Lumpkin.....	5 00	Akron, West Ch., by J. E. Patterson, special .....	106 75
Guthrie and Beulah, by Rev. H. E. Pickle.....	4 10	Ashtabula, Swedish, by Rev. C. A. Widing .....	3 60
Hennessey, Turkey Creek, and Vernon, by Rev. J. A. Bingham.....	2 00	Elyria, J. F. Brooks .....	5 00
Medford and West Medford, by Rev. J. L. Read .....	8 08	Geneva, L. E. Hitchcock .....	5 00
Okarche, by Rev. R. B. Foster.....	3 70	Mansfield, Mayflower Mem., by Rev. R. H. Edmonds.....	8 00
TENNESSEE—\$5.50.		Oberlin, Second, by N. Huckins.....	67 19
Jonesboro, Thanksgiving offering, by S. A. Paris.....	50	S. S. of the First, by A. M. Loveland.....	10 00
Nashville, Miss C. L. Blake, Fisk University, Silver Circle.....	5 00	Olmosted, Second, by F. G. Robb....	7 96
OHIO—\$731.00.		Rootstown, by H. A. Deming.....	29 75
Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.: Akron, Arlington Street, by Rev. E. T. MacMahon... ..	\$5 58	Weymouth, First, by Rev. L. J. Travis .....	5 50
Berea, Rev. S. B. Beard, special .....	2 50	INDIANA—\$112.50.	
Canfield, by Rev. W. T. McConnell.....	2 60	Indiana, A Friend, for Salary Fund. ....	100 00
Chardon, by M. L. Maynard .....	8 21	Ridgeville, by Rev. G. Hindley.....	12 50
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue S. S., by H. S. Stebbins..	10 00	ILLINOIS—\$144.00.	
Fitchville, First, by Rev. H. M. Tenney, D.D.....	2 55	Illinois H. M. Soc., by Rev. J. Tompkins, for Salary Fund.....	100 00
Medina, in full to const. Mrs. Ella Templeton, Miss Sarah W. Smith, and J. S. Mason L. Ms., by H. A. Horn.....	157 33	Received by Rev. M. E. Eversz : Caseyville .....	\$2 80
Mesopotamia, by Mrs. C. A. Smith .....	4 50	Peoria, German.....	5 00
Oberlin, Dudley Allen, M.D., in full to const. Prof. Owen H. Gates a L. M.....	50 00	Ridge Prairie, German .....	12 20
Paddy's Run, by James Scott.....	19 00	20 00	
Painesville, First, by L. E. Judson .....	32 88	Chicago, E. H. Sargent, \$5; Mrs. M. H. Sargent, Leavitt Street Ch., by E. H. Sargent, \$2.....	7 00
Radnor, S. S., by G. N. Davis, Supt.....	15 00	H. C. Read.....	5 00
Saybrook, by C. W. Sexton.....	16 70	McGrawville, H. D. Corey.....	1 00
Willoughby, Rev. S. C. Dickinson.....	5 00	Payson, Mrs. Dr. Mills.....	2 00
331 25		Peoria, A. A. Stevens.....	3 00
Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D., Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland : Cleveland, Pilgrim, by H. C. Holt.....	90 00	Princeton, A Friend.....	5 00
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas. : Cleveland, Archwood Avenue, for Salary Fund... ..	\$2 50	Rockford, Mrs. A. H. Van Wie .....	1 00
Euclid Avenue, Jr. C. E., for Salary Fund .....	1 00	MISSOURI—\$111.52.	
W. H. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	21 00	Amity, by E. E. Bull.....	2 32
		Bonne Terre, by Rev. J. B. Fiske...	75 00
		Carthage, First, by L. N. Manley....	14 86
		Chillicothe, by Rev. J. W. Eldred....	1 25
		Cole Camp, First, by G. Biddle, thro. Rev. M. E. Eversz.....	8 82
		Green Ridge, by Rev. F. E. Whitham.....	9 27
		MICHIGAN—\$5.00.	
		Detroit, A Widow's Mite.....	5 00
		WISCONSIN—\$193.40.	
		Received by Rev. T. G. Grassie : Bloomer .....	\$1 10
		Hayward, Y. P. S. C. E....	8 00
		9 10	
		Beloit, Mrs. H. B. Emerson, by Rev. H. A. Schauffler.....	1 00
		Hammond, by N. E. Campbell.....	6 30



Menasha, E. D. Smith.....	\$100 00
E. D. Smith, special, for "Evangelisten".....	75 00
Wausau, Easton, and Rockwell, by Rev. C. J. Jensen.....	2 00

## IOWA—\$22.00.

Blairstown, Mrs. J. H. French.....	10 00
Des Moines, Birthday offerings of Pilgrim S. S., by Z. P. Lyman.....	2 00
Waterloo, Rev. M. K. Cross.....	10 00

## MINNESOTA—\$1,067.77.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley :	
Austin and Lake City, C. E. Socs., Minneapolis, S. Ss. of Lyndale and Plymouth, for General Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$100 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth.....	100 00
Ladies' Missionary Union, General Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00

300 00

## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Treas.:

Austin.....	\$7 00
Burtrum.....	2 00
Claremont.....	6 00
Crookston.....	8 50
Dodge Center.....	2 80
Edgerton.....	1 85
Elter, S. S.....	4 00
Faribault.....	15 00
Frazer.....	1 50
Freeborn.....	1 40
Granada.....	1 65
Grand Meadow.....	5 00
Glyndon.....	7 00
Glencoe.....	9 02
Hutchinson.....	2 70
Mankato.....	9 06
Medford.....	4 50
Marshall.....	23 00
Montevideo.....	3 50
Merriam Park.....	9 60
Minneapolis, Park Avenue, in full to const. Mrs. Flora Blacka L. M.....	30 04
Open Door, \$8; Young Ladies, \$7.80.....	15 80
Lowry Hill.....	8 00
Pilgrim.....	48 75
Fifth Avenue.....	7 35
Plymouth, \$60.17; Young Ladies, \$77.32.....	137 49
First.....	14 75
Lyndale.....	28 67
Forest Heights.....	1 61
Fremont Avenue, \$10; S. S., \$6.....	16 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Mankato, Swedish.....	45
Northfield.....	4 60
New Brighton.....	2 30
Plainview.....	10 00
Rochester.....	9 45
St. Cloud.....	5 00
St. Paul, Pacific.....	4 65
Park.....	2 12
Plymouth.....	51 90
St. Anthony Park.....	14 34
Jr. C. E.....	15
South Park.....	3 66
Sherburn.....	2 85
Sauk Center.....	2 52
Waseca.....	2 70

Winona, First.....	\$142 00
Waterville.....	10 00
Zumbrota, \$20; C. E., \$15; Jr. C. E., \$5; S. S., \$4.31.....	44 31
	\$751 54
Less expenses.....	49 53

\$702 01

Benson, Pilgrim, by Rev. J. S. Hayward.....	2 00
Glenwood, Union, by Rev. F. A. Sumner.....	1 50
Graceville, J. W. Patten, \$23.50; Oliver, Will Lang, \$3; Chokio, I. H. Ward, \$4, by H. A. Cotton.....	30 50
New Brighton, by Rev. T. H. Lewis.....	7 75
North Branch and Sunrise City, by Rev. P. H. Fisk.....	2 00
Ortonville, by Rev. G. W. Shaw.....	5 00
Sauk Rapids, by Rev. H. H. Appelman.....	2 00
Spencer Brook, Scand., by Rev. A. P. Engstrom.....	1 25
South Park, by Rev. J. B. Drew.....	10 15
Upsala, Swedish, by Rev. A. G. Peterson.....	2 00
Winona, Scand., by Rev. E. A. Anderson.....	1 61

## KANSAS—\$190.52.

Received by Rev. L. P. Broad :	
Bala, Harvest Festival.....	\$3 20
Atcheson, Harvest Festival.....	5 38
Kansas City, Pilgrim Ch., S. S. Birthday Box.....	2 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00
Louisville, Harvest Festival.....	20 00
Partridge, Harvest Festival.....	12 00
Sedgwick, Harvest Festival.....	15 00
Severy, Harvest Festival.....	2 55
Stafford.....	1 65
Tonganoxie, Ch., and S. S. C. S. Fitch.....	4 44
	25

68 47

Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas. :	
Alton, S. S., \$7; Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.25.....	\$8 25
Dover, S. S.....	3 15
Ellis.....	15 50
Great Bend, Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 00
Maple Hill.....	9 06
Oneida.....	3 40
Osage City, Welsh.....	2 50
Partridge.....	3 00

48 86

Atwood, by Rev. J. J. A. T. Dixon...	3 00
Blue Rapids, add'l, by Rev. V. H. Deming.....	50
Dial and Mt. Ayr, by Rev. N. Emerson.....	10 00
Dunlap, Sunnyside, and Big John, by Rev. W. R. Bair.....	5 00
Garden City, Pierceville, and Sherlock, by Rev. L. Hull.....	5 00
Haven, by Rev. O. T. Wattenbarger.....	20 35
Kansas City, Bethel Ch., by Rev. E. P. Mills.....	7 64
Pilgrim, \$0.70; "Little Pat," \$1, by Rev. D. B. Griffiths.....	10 70
Topeka, Rev. W. C. Veazie.....	5 00
Wakefield, S. S., by E. Dodson.....	6 00

## NEBRASKA—\$126.45.

Received by Rev. M. E. Eversz :	
Friend.....	\$3 97
Friend and Turkey Creek.....	2 20
Superior, G. Giebelhans.....	1 00

7 17

Cortland, by Rev. F. G. McHenry....	\$10 00	UTAH—\$7.55.	
Crete, German, by Rev. W. Fritze- meier.....	12 00	Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. E. Nutting, Treas.:	
Dodge and Howell, by Rev. A. Farn- worth.....	10 20	Salt Lake City .....	\$7 55
Hallam, German, by Rev. J. Morach.	3 40		
Harbine, by Rev. G. J. Battey.....	7 90		
Hastings, by Rev. C. W. Wuerr- schmidt.....	15 00	CALIFORNIA \$48.23.	
Minersville and Camp Creek, by Rev. J. L. Fisher.....	4 00	Alpine and Flinn Valley, by Rev. J. A. Rogers.....	2 64
Nelson, Deshler, Edgar, Firfield, and Deweese, German, by Rev. P. Lich.	20 00	Belmont, E. L. Reed, Thanksgiving offering.....	5 00
Pickrell, by Rev. F. G. McHenry.....	14 78	Chula Vista, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	4 34
Spencer and Butte, by Rev. W. A. Hensel.....	10 00	National City, by Rev. F. A. Bissell..	21 45
Sutton and Stockham, German Ch., by Rev. R. Hilkerbaeumer.....	12 00	San Miguel, by Rev. T. W. De Long.	2 30
		San Rafael, by Rev. W. P. Hardy....	50
		Spring Valley, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. I. W. Atherton.....	9 00
		Sunol Glen, by Rev. J. H. Strong....	3 00
NORTH DAKOTA—\$42.25.			
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Treas.:		OREGON—\$12.80.	
Cando.....	2 25	Albany, by Q. E. Propst.....	2 25
Cando, by Rev. C. A. Mack.....	25	Freewater and Ingles Chapel, by Rev. G. A. Taggart ..	5 55
Dawson and Tappan, by Rev. T. W. Thurston.....	6 00	Portland, Rev. J. Koch, German Ch.	5 00
Kulm, by Rev. P. Burkhardt.....	10 00		
Langdon, Mrs. D. Woolner.....	1 00		
Portland, \$7.85; C. E. Socs., \$8.80, by Rev. J. T. Killen.....	16 65	WASHINGTON—\$309.50.	
75c., add'l; Hatton, \$5.38, by Rev. J. T. Killen .....	6 10	Received by Rev. A. J. Bailey :	
		Christopher, by Rev. A. L. Smith .....	\$10 00
SOUTH DAKOTA—\$139.02.		Collections, by Rev. H. W. Houlding.....	4 00
Bowdle, by Rev. D. L. Thomas.....	25 00	Index S. S.....	2 00
Eureka, Rev. H. Hetzler and wife.....	5 00	West Kittitas, by Rev. R. G. Hawn.....	5 00
Garretson, S. S. and Ch., by Rev. H. G. Adams.....	4 77	W. H. M. U., by Mrs. C. E. George.....	218 00
Hudson, by Rev. G. S. Evans.....	10 00		239 00
Ipswich and Powell, by Rev. E. A. Wood.....	14 00		
Mission Hill, Rev. D. B. Nichols.....	5 00	Ebensburgh, by Rev. E. C. Wheeler.	14 50
Parkston, Mission Festival, by Rev. M. E. Eversz.....	25 00	Endicott, by Rev. M. E. Eversz.....	3 00
Redfield, by Rev. L. Reynolds.....	16 05	Endicott, Alcali Flats, German Chs., by Rev. J. Hergert.....	6 25
Sioux Falls, German Ch., by Rev. J. M. Preiss.....	8 85	Quillayute, by Rev. R. W. Fletcher..	7 00
Vermillion, Rev. C. J. Hansen.....	11 50	Roy, Hart Lake, and Yelm, of which \$4.25 Teachers' Miss. Soc., by Rev. H. Gregory.....	5 50
Ward Academy and Kirkwood, by Rev. L. E. Camfield.....	3 75	Seattle, Fremont Ch., Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., \$2; Toledo, \$2.60, by Mrs. J. W. George.....	4 60
Webster, \$8.50; Waubay, \$1, by Rev. C. Parsons.....	9 50	Steilacoom, Oberlin Ch., by Rev. W. F. Rose.....	2 85
		Tacoma, East Ch., by Rev. A. J. Smith.....	14 00
COLORADO—\$67.25.		HOME MISSIONARY .....	59 94
Lafayette, by Rev. C. H. Stevens....	4 00		\$43,517 25
Longmont, First, by E. White.....	30 00		
Otis and Hyde, by Rev. G. Dungan.	2 00		
Trinidad, by Rev. D. R. Francis. ....	28 10		
Ward, by Rev. H. Sanderson.....	3 15		

Contributions in November, excluding contributions for the debt .....	\$12,533 97
Legacies in November.....	30,845 53
Contributions for the debt in November.....	331 00

Total receipts in November..... \$43,710 50

Contributions for the debt to December 1st :

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$87,656 58
Special for debt.....	8,985 61
	\$96,642 19

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Bangor, Me., Ladies of First Ch., by Mrs. C. H. Cutler, two barrels and cash, \$15.00.....	\$140 00	Middleford, N. H., Ladies, by Mrs. J. B. Melindy, box.....	\$25 00
Bangor, N. Y., W. M. S., by Mrs. Geo. D. Bradford, barrel.....	19 00	Milton, Vt., Woman's Miss. Soc., by Mrs. Annie F. Plant, barrel.....	46 67
Benson, Vt., Ladies, by Mrs. C. E. Hitchcock, barrel.....	35 00	Mt. Pleasant, Washington, D. C., Woman's Miss. Soc., by Mrs. D. B. Davis, barrel.....	130 00
Black Rock, Conn., Ladies, by Sarah J. Bartram, barrel.....	83 00	Newington, Conn., H. M. Union, by F. C. Latimer, barrel.....	54 10
Binghamton, N. Y., Ladies, by Mrs. H. A. Goff, box.....	150 00	Newton, Conn., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Rev. Otis W. Parker, barrel.....	41 50
Bridgeport, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Ebenezer Burr, box.....	195 28	Oberlin, O., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Second Ch., by Adell N. Royce, barrel.....	100 09
South Ch., by Mrs. A. D. Lewis, two barrels.....	154 70	Old Saybrook, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Agnes A. Acton, barrel.....	80 00
Bristol, Conn., C. H. M. Aux. to State Union, by A. E. North, two barrels..	105 64	Orford, N. H., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. Isaac Willard, barrel.....	44 50
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Tompkins Ave. Ch., by Sarah M. Higgins, two barrels and cash, \$125.00....	275 00	Pasadena, Cal., Woman's Miss. Soc. of First Church, by Mrs. Edward A. Walker, three boxes.....	124 10
Canandaigua, N. Y., Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. H. T. Parmele, box.....	205 73	Portland, Conn., Ladies, by Mrs. M. B. Harvey, barrel.....	60 78
Chester, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Hattie B. Daniels, box.....	30 00	Putnam, Conn., Second Ch., by Hattie E. Clarke, barrel.....	39 10
Danbury, Conn., Sewing Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Stone, box.....	113 00	Ravenna, O., Woman's Home and Foreign Miss. Soc., by Sarah C. Hart, barrel.....	22 91
Danielson, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. J. O. A. Stone.....	69 75	Sunday-school, cash.....	10 00
Dover, N. H., First Ch., by H. E. Wyatt, box.....	256 37	Redding, Conn., W. H. M. Aux., by Mrs. Edgar Field, barrel.....	60 38
East Derry, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mary A. Morse, box.....	20 84	Ridgway, Pa., Woman's Miss. Soc., by Mrs. A. H. Bevier, barrel and package.....	83 15
East Orange, N. J., Woman's Soc. for Christian Work, by Mrs. M. H. McKay, two barrels.....	146 84	St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Minnie J. Anderson, barrel...	37 00
Fairport, N. Y., W. H. M. U., by Margaret Olney, one and one-half bbl. and cash, \$12.00.....	107 06	Saxton's River, Vt., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. G. F. Chapin, barrel.....	
Falls Ch., Va., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Gertrude Nourse, barrel....	44 26	South Windsor, Conn., H. M. Soc., by Mrs. G. L. Sperry, barrel.....	76 95
Francestown, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Assoc., by Mary Pettee, barrel.....	67 00	Stafford Springs, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. Ellen J. McLaughlin, box.....	115 00
Goshen, Conn., by Mrs. Alice E. Carlisle, barrel.....	65 00	Stonington, Conn., Second Ch., by Rev. Chas. J. Hill, box.....	200 00
Greenwich, Conn., The Stillson Benev. Soc. of Second Ch., by Amelia Mead, two barrels.....	150 00	Toledo, O., Woman's Miss. Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. Mattie A. Beck, barrel.....	75 10
Maine, N. Y., W. H. M. S., by Mrs. L. E. Turner, box.....	58 00	Washington, D. C., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by L. E. Cummings, two barrels, package, and check, \$25.....	303 34
Middletown, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. A. R. Crittenden, barrel.....	80 00	West Hartford, Conn., Elmwood Soc., by Miss J. L. Foxon, barrel.....	71 83
Ladies' Union of South Ch., by Mrs. Sarah L. Browning, box.....	98 00	Westmoreland, N. Y., Mrs. John A. Mankleton, barrel.....	
			\$4470 97

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society from September 15 to November 21, 1896.*JOHN L. CROSBY, *Treasurer*

Albany, Ch., \$7; Y. P. S. C. E., \$3, by Mrs. J. E. Bird.....	\$10 00	Annual meeting at Fort Fairfield, \$40.86, less \$32 voted to Ashland Church Building.....	\$8 86
Amherst and Aurora, Ch., by Mr. A. Cullens.....	10 00	Anson, Ch., by Sumner Dinsmore, Clerk Augusta, North Parish, by Miss Alice Hawes.....	5 00
Amherst, N. H., Malinda H. Thomas, legacy, by Mrs. Delia A. McGoun, Ex.	50 00		3 00

South Parish, by Miss Susan W. Waldron.....		Harrison, by Rev. A. G. Fitz.....	\$2 66
Bangor, First, by W. P. Hubbard.....	\$100 00	Isle au Haut, by William T. Bartley....	3 91
First Parish, S. S., by Percy A. Hubbard, which, with prev. gift, const. Elizabeth Ida Firth a L. M.....	50 00	Limerick, by Rev. J. A. Waterworth....	4 28
Bath, Winter Street, by G. J. Mitchell..	13 85	Litchfield, portion of approp. for 1896 returned.....	43 75
Belfast, First, by A. O. Stoddard.....	150 50	From Rev. James Richmond.....	1 25
Boothbay, Second, \$7; Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Hattie B. Adams, \$3.....	50 00	Machias, Center Street, by W. W. Bradbury.....	3 87
Bridgton, by J. H. Caswell.....	10 00	Minot Center, by J. E. Washburn.....	9 33
Bucksport, Elm Street, by Edward Swasey.....	19 00	North Belfast.....	4 75
Calais, First, by A. L. Clapp.....	38 02	North Bridgton, by Rev. A. G. Fitz....	6 00
Cape Elizabeth (Spurwink). Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Elizabeth Tobey.....	34 00	Northfield, by Miss Grace E. Washburn	9 35
Mrs. A. E. Dyer.....	1 00	Outer Long Island, by Miss Grace E. Washburn.....	6 34
Castine, David Dunbar, legacy, add'l, by G. M. Warren, Ex.....	100 00	Oxford Conference, by H. A. Bolster....	10 10
Cumberland Conference, by Rev. J. L. Jenkins.....	1 00	Portland, State Street, S. S., by A. W. McKnight.....	20 00
Dead River and vicinity, by Mr. George A. Merrill.....	11 21	Church, by Rev. J. L. Jenkins.....	24 71
Deer Isle, First, by Rev. J. S. Richards.....	1 67	Solon, by G. K. Goodwin.....	7 08
A Friend, by Rev. J. S. Richards.....	2 00	Standish, by Mrs. L. P. Croston.....	8 00
East Bangor, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	11 00	Washington Conf., by Rev. C. S. Holton.....	10 00
Frenchboro, by Miss Grace E. Washburn.....	20 57	West Brooksville, by Mrs. Geo. W. Blodgett.....	3 00
Gorham, First, by Joseph Ridlon.....	11 00	West Woolwich, by Rev. S. W. Chapin..	10 10
Hallowell, Mrs. Mary Fifield, legacy, add'l, by Joseph Fifield, Ex.....	63 15	Windham, by J. W. Knight.....	10 39
Harpwell Center, by W. C. Eaton.....	22 00	Yarmouth, First, by O. L. Marston....	19 70
		York Conf., by Rev. C. S. Wilder.....	3 26
		By Rev. F. P. Estabrook.....	15 15
		Woman's Me. Miss. Aux.....	126 91
		Income from Investments.....	376 05
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			\$1,537 68

## VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from October 20 to November 20, 1896. WM. C. TYLER, Treasurer*

Arlington, East.....	\$4 50	Newfane, Mrs. Fred. Randall.....	\$5 00
Covey.....	25 00	Pownal, North.....	5 00
Hardwick, East.....	2 00	Pittsford.....	49 75
Jericho Center.....	7 10	St. Johnsbury, South Church.....	73 60
Sunday-school.....	2 48	For women evangelists.....	29 13
Johnson.....	24 50	Wallingford.....	17 25
For C. H. M. S.....	2 00	Ladies' Cent Society.....	19 66
Manchester, Church and Society.....	24 41	Wardsboro, Anna H. Allen, legacy....	25 00
Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cone, to const. Miss Mabel G. Cone a L. M.....	20 00	Vermont Missionary.....	10 65
Montpelier, M. S. Stone, to const. Mrs. Phæbe Griswold a L. M.....	20 00	W. H. M. U.....	20 38
		Interest from invested funds.....	360 00
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			\$747 41

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in November, 1896. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treasurer*

Amesbury, Main St., by C. F. Hovey..	\$12 20	Central, by John A. Bennett.....	\$975 22
Andover Chapel, by Warren F. Draper	250 00	Childs, Mrs. A. E.....	50 00
Ashland Rally Service, by Edwin Perry	11 50	Dorchester, Pilgrim, by E. S. Woodbury.....	70 00
Bank Balances, Oct. interest.....	7 13	Second, Ex. Cent a Day Band, by Miss E. F. Merrill.....	10 00
Barre Rally Service, by Rev. J. F. Gaylord.....	16 36	Mt. Vernon, by D. R. Craig (add'l)...	21 00
Bedford Trinitarian, by Rev. Edwin Smith.....	29 36	Old South, by Joseph H. Gray.....	1,012 63
Boston, A Friend.....	2 00	Park St., by E. H. McGuire.....	25 00
Allston, Sunday-school, by J. E. Lounsbury.....	2 98	Roxbury, Eliot, by A. McLean.....	119 25
		"T. G.".....	30 00



Boylston, First, by Rev. D. E. Burtner	\$30 00	Oxford, Woman's Miss. Society, by Miss	
Brookline, Howard, by James H. Shap-		L. D. Stockwell.....	\$2 00
leigh.....	302 60	Pittsfield, South, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs.	
Cumington, West, by Mrs. S. D. Ben-		J. E. Francis.....	8 32
jamin.....	10 00	Flympton, Silver Lake, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
Dedham, First, Sunday-school, by Miss		by Harry Clemons.....	2 00
Sarah K. Burgess.....	16 31	Rochester, North, by A. K. Small.....	2 00
Duxbury, by J. H. Haverstock.....	16 00	Salem, South, A Member, Relief.....	25 00
Easton, Evan., by H. Y. Mitchell.....	20 00	Sharon, Y. P. S. C. E., by Sidney A.	
Fairhaven, by C. C. Cundall.....	81 20	Weston.....	5 00
Foxboro, Bethany, by Horace Carpen-		Somerville, West, Day St., by J. F.	
ter.....	25 85	Terry.....	5 00
Gloucester, West, by J. E. Roberts.....	17 00	Shedd, Mrs. Sally, memorial coin....	50
Hadley, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. N.		Southboro, Second, by S. R. Day.....	5 00
Pierce.....	9 50	South Hadley Falls, by A. N. Chapin..	8 00
Haverhill, West, Sunday-school, by		First, by L. M. Gaylord.....	20 00
Henry A. Poore.....	30 00	Sudbury, South, Memorial, by B. F.	
Hawley, by T. T. Clark, Taft Thank-		Howe.....	38 69
offering.....	7 00	Townsend, Orth., by J. W. Eastman...	22 54
Hinsdale, by M. M. Wentworth.....	50 00	Wakefield, by W. P. Preston, an extra	
Holbrook, Winthrop, Rally Service, by		offering for "Relief".....	25 00
F. W. Blanchard.....	18 58	Walpole, Second, Sunday-school, by C.	
Holden, by Mrs. Marion E. Warren....	13 50	A. Engley.....	10 62
Hubbardston, Grimes, Mrs. Abbie D....	5 00	Webster, First, Rally Service, by E. L.	
Ipswich, Rally Service with South Ch.,		Spalding.....	90 17
by Rev. T. F. Waters.....	13 62	Wellsfleet, Walker, Mrs. Geo. F., Gold	
Linebrook, by J. H. Tenney.....	14 00	watch for Home Missionary, unap-	
Lancaster, Evan., Ladies' Benev. So-		praised.....	
ciety, by Harriet A. Keyes.....	10 00	Wenham, by Mrs. Frances Perkins.....	20 00
Littleton, Orth., by John S. Hartwell..	7 93	Westhampton, by A. D. Montague....	31 53
Lowell, Eliot, A Friend, by James		West Springfield, First, by Addison H.	
Howard.....	5 50	Smith.....	16 50
First, by Joseph W. Griffin.....	37 50	Park St., by Samuel Smith.....	31 37
First Trinitarian, for Armenian Work,		Whitcomb, David, Fund, Income of....	125 00
by Rev. C. W. Huntington, \$25.00*		Wilmington, by C. W. Clark, "Relief"	5 00
High St., by Samuel A. Chase.....	149 23	Winchester, First, by Eben Caldwell,	
John St., by William Morey.....	80 57	work among foreign population, \$100*	
Lynn, First, by Mrs. Clara M. Staton....	40 28	Windsor, by Mrs. H. C. Cleveland....	5 00
Malden, First, by Charles F. Belcher..	61 88	Woburn, North, by Samuel A. Thomp-	
Marlboro, Patch, Mrs. L. A., Remnant.	40	son.....	21 00
Mass., A Friend.....	5 00	Worcester, "A mite for the deficit"....	1 00
Medford, West, by J. H. Gerrish.....	17 00	Piedmont, A Friend, by A. W. Eldred	
Medway, West, Third, by Geo. W. Bul-		A Friend, by A. W. Eldred.....	5 00
lard.....	22 75	Hutchins, Chas. H.....	50 00
Middleboro, First, by Rev. Geo. W.		Hutchins, Mrs. Eliza E.....	50 00
Stearns, to const. Geo. H. Wilbur and		Yarmouth, Matthews, William, Special	
Albert Deane L. Ms.....	80 00	Woman's Home Missionary Association,	
Millbury, Second, by A. Armsby.....	59 55	by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:	
Milford, Elbert W. and Charles, in mem-		Boston, Jam. Plain, Joslin,	
ory of Saml. and Lydia S. Whitney,		Mrs. Harriet A., to const.	
late of Waltham, Mass.....	50 00	herself a L. M. of C. H.	
Montague, Turner's Falls, Rally Ser-		M. S.....	\$50 00
vice, by Rev. H. C. Adams.....	13 25	Rox., Wal. Ave. Aux., for	
New Salem, by D. A. Stowell.....	2 78	Rev. Saml. Deakin's Sal.....	62 00
Newton, Auburndale, by C. C. Burr....	15 00		112 00
Eliot, Sunday-school, by Geo. R. Mc-			\$5,072 52
Farlin.....	19 71		
Highlands, "Thanksgiving".....	60 00	HOME MISSIONARY.....	5 40
Norwell, Cushing, Miss Nancy, Estate			\$5,077 92
of, by Geo. Cushing, Ex.....	200 00		
Orange, Central, Rally Service, by F. D.			
Kellogg.....	46 09		
North, by S. J. Oliver.....	7 07		

\* Received and credited on special account.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in November, 1896. WARD W. JACOBS,  
Treasurer

Ansonia, German, by W. Ritton.....	\$2 06	Chaplin, by Frank C. Lummis.....	\$13 75
Bridgeport, Park Street, by Adna S.		Colchester, First, Special for C. H. M. S.,	
Hall.....	42 00	Miss Esther Porter, \$5; Miss Abby G.	
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Clinton, by Daniel W. Stevens.....	44 55	Eastford, by Henry Trowbridge.....	5 10

East Haddam, First, by E. W. Chaffee.	\$21 66	North Canaan, East, by A. B. Garfield.	\$3 25
For C. H. M. S.	22 49	Norwalk, East Norwalk, Swedish, by	
East Norwalk, Swedish, see Norwalk.		C. Molander.	3 40
Fairfield, Greenfield, Y. P. S. C. E., by		Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman.	10 68
M. Louise Meeker.	25 00	For C. H. M. S.	10 68
Grassy Hill, see Lyme.		Ann A. Pratt, special, for C. H. M. S.	25 00
Greenfield, see Fairfield.		Orange, by S. D. Woodruff.	9 54
Guilford, First, by E. W. Leete.	15 00	Plantsville, see Southington.	
Haddam, Haddam Neck, by William F.		Plymouth, by Arthur Beardsley.	34 50
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Haddam Neck, see Haddam.		Southington, Plantsville, by E. P.	
Hartford, Danish, by Niels Christensen.	5 11	Hotchkiss.	29 42
Killingly, South Killingly, by W. S.		South Killingly, see Killingly.	
Beard.	9 00	Stamford, First, by E. M. Goulden.	9 77
Lyme, Grassy Hill, by J. S. Hall.	8 50	Thompson, by J. W. Dike.	7 65
Manchester, North, by Levi Drake.	85 58	For C. H. M. S.	20 00
For C. H. M. S.	85 58	Woodstock, First, by Henry T. Child.	14 50
Middlefield, by Rev. John Allender.	57 76		\$884 37
Lyman A. Mills, special, for C. H. M.			
S.	100 00		
Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur.	29 94		
New Britain, First, by A. N. Lewis.	50 00		
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Allendale.	10 00		
Almont.	28 50		
Y. P. S. C. E.	4 50		
Alpena.	6 50		
Ann Arbor.	122 25		
Bay Mills.	2 00		
Bellaire.	5 00		
Calumet.	23 18		
Columbus.	6 25		
Covert.	31 73		
Dexter, Dea. Dennis Warner.	30 00		
Detroit, Woodward Ave.	100 00		
Dowagiac.	21 62		
Sunday-school.	11 29		
Y. P. S. C. E.	4 00		
Eaton Rapids.	35 83		
Garden.	2 00		
Galesburg, Y. P. S. C. E.	7 40		
Hamburg.	3 40		
Hopkins Station, A Friend.	5 00		
Lansing, Pilgrim.	35 00		
Litchfield, S. S.	1 95		
Olivet.	39 60		
St. Jacques, S. S.	88		
Traverse City.	10 00		
Vicksburg.	5 00		
Webster.	4 99		
A Friend.	50 00		
W. H. M. U., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill,			
Treas.	237 71		
	\$945 67		

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Almont, W. M. S.	\$5 00
Pronson, W. H. M. S.	2 50
Calumet, W. M. S., of which \$25 is to be used in the Upper Peninsula	40 00
Cheboygan, W. H. M. U.	15 00
Chelsea, W. M. S.	32 45
Detroit, W. U., of Woodward Ave. Ch., of which \$37.50 is for the salary of Rev. F. H. Bassett.	50 00
W. A., First Ch., of which \$20.50 is thank-offering.	120 50
Dexter, W. M. S.	5 00
Galesburg, W. H. M. and Aid Soc.	20 00
Grand Ledge, W. H. M. S.	2 50
Greenville, W. H. M. S.	5 00
Hopkins Station, W. H. M. S.	3 00
Lansing, Plymouth, W. H. M. S.	11 62
Lawrence, W. H. M. S.	3 20
Litchfield, W. M. S.	11 00
Ludington, W. H. M. S.	14 31
Muskegon, W. M. S.	5 00
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Red Jacket.	50 00
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Three Oaks, W. M. S.	20 00
Victor, W. H. M. S.	4 50
	\$523 03

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Bronson, Sunday-school.	4 25
Cheboygan, Sunday-school.	2 74
Chelsea, Y. P. S. C. E.	15 00
Detroit, First, Young Woman's Union.	25 00
Sunday-school.	25 47
Edmore, Pine Tree Mission Band, for Rev. Joel Martin's salary.	1 00
Flint, Y. P. S. C. E.	3 33
Kalamazoo, Jun. C. E. S.	2 50
Webster, S. S. M. S.	1 97
	\$91 26
	\$614 29

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## NOTES BY THE WAY

BY MRS. H. M. UNION

RESTO! SATURDAY.—“This town,” said Superintendent Bross, as we stepped from the train at four o'clock into the crisp, clear morning air of Chadron, Nebraska, 3,100 feet above sea level, “is the center of Congregationalism for Northwest Nebraska.” At 8.30 a fine outfit of ponies and sleigh, with fur robes, was placed at our disposal by a friendly merchant, and we glided swiftly away to the music of the bells.

Could it be that less than a dozen years ago this thriving town was the scene of tar-paper shacks, saloons, and gambling dens, and that the reckless cowboy and Indian had free range here? And now we are passing pleasant homes, through streets adorned with blocks of brick and stone, an imposing courthouse, schoolhouse, and hotel—the Blaine, so called in memory of the statesman. On, on speed the ponies up the hill to the picturesque “buttes,” and here we are at Chadron Academy, dear to many an Eastern friend but for whom it would not exist. Burned to the ground three years ago, it has risen from its ashes, and “is doing better work than ever,” so say the inhabitants, who appreciate this Christian academy, and have, by painful sacrifice, put more than \$14,000 into its treasury. Unless you know at what cost to the people a new town is built into Christian civilization you cannot realize the heroism of this gift.

My companion is a happy man this morning. Memories of the past crowd upon him. Having had a large share in laying these foundations he almost claims the town as his own, while the hearty greetings on all sides would seem to indicate that the town claims him.

“There!” he exclaims. “Do you see that drug store? Well, standing in a wagon box, in front of that store, eleven years ago, I held the first religious service ever held in Chadron.” A moment later, and again the ponies are suddenly pulled up at a street corner. “There stood the

gospel tent presented by the Sunday-school of Farmington, Connecticut." His face is aglow, and I begin to understand what it means to have a hand at the beginning of things.

At this writing Mrs. Superintendent, looking over my shoulder, quietly remarks: "A Western town a few days old is a curious sight. Here were a few hundred people living in tents, wagons, and shacks, and all varieties of trade were represented—groceries, hardware, furniture and dry-goods stores, hotels, boarding-houses—in tents; lawyers, doctors, barbers, butchers, bakers—in tents; saloons and gambling dens—in tents. I shall not soon forget our first night in the gospel tent. I procured some wire springs of a bed, on which we planned to put our blankets;



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF CHADRON, NEBRASKA

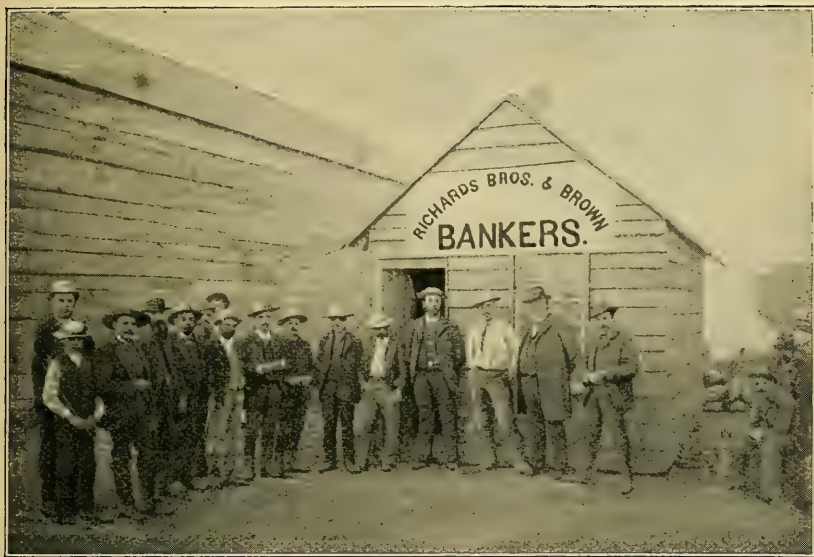
but toward night a heavy rain came on, and soon the ground was too wet and cold for a bed. What was to be done? Fortunately we brought provisions with us. We scooped out a hole in the ground, and built a chip fire, Indian fashion, having to open the tent door, of course, to let the smoke out. We boiled some water in an empty fruit can, made a little tea, and ate our supper from off a chair. Then we put the wire springs on four chairs, climbed on, and slept as well as the cold and wet and our croupy little boy would allow.

"The next night our tent was crowded full, and all the space in front, for fifteen or twenty feet, packed with men waiting for the service to begin. We had borrowed an organ, and the melody of the Gospel Hymns brought back to these men tender memories of the old home and the old church far away. On Sunday evening we organized the church, and on



the following Tuesday the women gave an oyster supper, which yielded ninety dollars, the first money which came to the little church."

Mrs. Superintendent tells me that one day she was sitting in front of the gospel tent when two cowboys came dashing by. They were booted and spurred as usual, and attired in the cowboy costume of broad-brimmed hat, fringed leggings, cartridge belt with revolvers and bowie knives, and the long lariats were coiled upon the saddles. Over the door of the tent was the sign, "Gospel Tabernacle." This attracted the attention of one of the boys, and he called out to the other: "Ride slow, Bill; this is a church."



FIRST BANK OF CHADRON, NEBRASKA

She says that when the little church graduated from the tent into a real church building a little shack was built for the use of the pastor's family. It was a low building, clapboarded on the frame, containing two very small rooms, with a miniature "lean-to" at the rear. In the front room were a single bed evolved from a couch, the pastor's secretary, three trunks, and two packing boxes. In the second room were a lounge for the boys and a small table. These, with two chairs, occupied nearly all the space. In the "lean-to" there was a small cook-stove in the corner, and a broad shelf on two sides of the room, one end of which served as a china closet, and at the other end the family, sitting in a row, took their meals. It was convenient in this respect, that the lady of the house could manage cook-stove and dining-table without rising from her chair.

And now, having waited a moment for these experiences from the heroic missionary wife, our ponies whirled around another corner and came to a halt in front of a neat church and parsonage. "This building," said the superintendent, "followed the gospel tent." Yes, to be sure. Here is the "first Congregational church and parsonage of Chadron." While looking at these buildings my mind persisted in taking another journey back to the days of the recent past—of the Indian, the cowboy, the wagon-home, the tar-paper shack, the tent, the saloon and gambling den, and the general desolation when there was no church, no school-house, no academy, no Christian homes, and I exclaimed: "God bless the friends of the dear old Home Missionary Society, which has caused this desert to blossom as the rose!"

This memorable Saturday closed with afternoon tea at the parsonage, and a delightful evening with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ricker, Professor and Mrs. Bennett, and the faculty of Chadron Academy.

SUNDAY.—"Rally-day for the Home Missionary Society," said Pastor Ricker, "and I have notified the people that they must come prepared for a collection." "Then," said I, "you will have empty seats!" "No, indeed!" he exclaimed. "My people will do all they can, although you must remember that this is a home missionary church, and what with laying foundations here, and helping the academy, and making homes, the strain has been heavy."

Pastor Ricker fully intended that his people should "get their money's worth" that day, for the programme included addresses from the Superintendent and Mrs. Caswell, not only at the forenoon, afternoon, and evening services, but at the Sunday-school and Endeavor Societies between.

Superintendent Bross informed the people that he expected fifty dollars in the collection baskets, and I held my breath, as did the audience, for this was multiplying their usual collection by two. But the people made a heroic effort to realize the desire of their beloved superintendent, and submitted with cheerful grace to five collections during the day, reaching a total of fifty-five dollars, after which we sang the doxology with grateful hearts.

With the use of planks for extra seats, the home missionary church was packed with people at the different services, and as I studied this audience of refinement and intelligence, my mind again reverted to the desert of eleven years ago.

In the evening Pastor Ricker and Professor Bennett added inspiring words to those of the guests. The pastor spoke of the responsibility of the church for the evangelization of the regions lying round about.

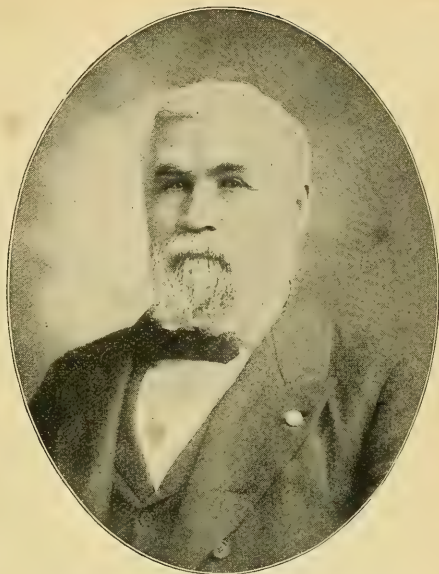
"Here," said he, "is this church in Chadron. Its mission is not simply to proclaim the Gospel in this city, but to send it forth to the regions round about us. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: 'For from you

sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad.' The spiritual life that had been planted in Thessalonica was a power that transformed individual lives there. It was a force that expressed itself in correcting the evil practices of the people there; but it was such an abounding power that it overflowed the limits of that community and poured itself forth into Macedonia, into Achaia, into Greece, and on and ever on in wider flood-tide to regions far away. Now that is an example of what a true, spiritual living Christian church is. Here

is a church planted in a certain community. What are the marks that

reveal its presence and power? There had been Sabbath-breaking; men begin to respect the holy day and to come together for worship. There had been profanity; men begin to cease taking the name of God in vain and learn to pray. There had been lying and stealing; men begin to speak the truth and to live honest lives, and the heavenly principles of the Gospel rule in the affairs of the community. But this spiritual power is a force of such abounding energy that it cannot be confined to the limits of that community. It sweeps on to the regions round about.

"The character of the true church is like the strawberry



REV. HARMON BROSS, SUPT., NEBRASKA



MRS. HARMON BROSS



plant. You see the slender arm it shoots forth, by means of which over there, a foot or so away, it starts another strawberry plant. Presently the new plant, having become rooted and established, sends out a similar arm, and we have a third plant, and so the process goes on. This illustrates what every living Christian church ought to be doing.

"Again I say, our church in Chadron does not exist simply to meet the spiritual needs of this city. Here are these counties of Northwestern Nebraska for whose spiritual welfare we are responsible. If we take simply the constituency of Chadron Academy, we have a region four times as large as the State of Massachusetts for which we are, in a sense, especially responsible. Let Chadron become the Antioch of these Northwestern counties.

"I am afraid we are too easily satisfied with the work we do for Jesus. If our pastor's salary is paid, if the church is in good repair, if the Sunday-school is supplied with helps, if the common necessities of our church work are provided for, we congratulate ourselves and fold our arms in complacent contentment.

"Oh, my people, in the light of apostolic zeal that sent forth the glad tidings to the people who sat in darkness in the first century of the Christian work, how weak and poor, wretched and beggarly, do our modern efforts appear!"

Professor Bennett illustrated the relation of Christian education to Christianity and the church, and then asked: "What is Chadron Academy doing for this Northwestern Nebraska? In these sections where the Christian school has become established, we find as a consequence the churches strong and well manned. We find the students taking the places of responsibility and trust in the community. We find the school furnishing from that community ministers and missionaries for the church. We find the school going into the homes and pleading with the boys and girls to educate themselves. Do boys need urging to go to school? I wish you could be in the next room and hear some of the pleading that is being done by the representatives of our Christian schools. This is a



REV. ALBERT E. RICKER, CHADRON, NEBRASKA



distinctive trait of the Christian academy. It not only takes those who come, but it goes out after the others.

"To illustrate what Chadron Academy is doing for this section, it may be said that our boys and girls are found taking a leading part in the life and religious work of the communities in which they now are. A study of the records of this county shows that during the past seven years of the academy's history its students have taught 150 school years; and, adding to this what has been done in the surrounding counties, it is safe to say that Chadron Academy students have taught during the lifetime of a little over seven years two centuries of school in this section."



MRS. A. E. RICKER

Superintendent Bross emphasized the great need just at present of help for the churches on the Nebraska frontier, which are suffering because of the empty treasury of the Home Missionary Society; and Mrs. Caswell closed the services of this most interesting occasion by the story of sacrifices made by Eastern friends that the gospel message might be given throughout the West.

MONDAY. — At 8.15 this morning Pastor Ricker appeared at the door with his missionary team to take Mrs. Caswell and myself to the academy for "chapel service." It was an inspiration to see that company of young men and

women, whose thoughtful faces told the story of difficulties bravely overcome to secure the coveted education. They listened with close attention to a familiar talk upon missions, after which we accepted a cordial invitation from the teachers to visit the classes. The recitations proved thorough instruction on the part of faithful teachers. Owing to the present financial stringency everywhere, the academy is in debt, and it is months since these heroic teachers have received remuneration for their faithful labors, yet they continue to give time, strength, and life to the work.

A fact to remember—twenty-one counties in Northwestern Nebraska have an area of 28,000 square miles and a population of 64,000. In all that region, except in the public schools, the only institution of learning

is Chadron Academy. There is no academy in the West more deserving of the sympathy and liberality of Eastern friends of Christian education. Joseph Cook says : "The Christian academy has been a silver link between the golden link of the college and the iron link of the common schools."



## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

BY REV. ROSELLE T. CROSS, YORK, NEBRASKA

### XIX.—PASTORAL INCIDENTS

MANY of the writer's parishioners were in Colorado on account of poor health. Some recovered and returned East to live. Others recovered, but found that they could live only in Colorado. Many died, and there were very sad cases of invalids dying away from home and loved ones, among strangers.

One young boy was left in the pastor's care by his father. The boy joined the church and was for a while hopeful of getting well. But the disease had too strong a hold upon him and he failed rapidly. The father was sick and another child was dying in the far-away Eastern home, and only his Sunday-school teacher could come to be with him when he breathed his last, so far from home, parents, and loving brothers and sisters.

One man, a freighter, was fatally shot while drunk and while attempting to enter a vile resort. The aged Christian father came on from the East. He told the pastor that his son had been a Christian when he was a boy, but he got into bad company and went astray. As the gray-haired man stood over the open grave he no doubt felt that it would have been a great blessing if he could have buried that son when he was yet a boy.

Another call was to minister what comfort he could to an intelligent Christian lady from the East, whose cup of sorrow seemed to run over. She had come to Colorado with a consumptive son, to see if the climate would not help him. He returned East and died. A married daughter came, and while there her own little child died. Starting eastward with its remains, the mother being barely able to travel, the body of the child was lost in some change of cars, and when it was found, weeks after, it was buried where it was found. Then the child's mother died. Then another son of the lady, a young man who was not an invalid, died. Then, to crown all, another boy not an invalid, but who was with her in Colorado, formed a foolish plan to rob a bank, was caught at it, and

sentenced to a term of years in the State prison. He had been a reader of dime novels, and he thought he was out in the Rocky Mountains where, according to the story, such things were done. After retiring one night a revolver was fired not far from the parsonage. Officers were lying in wait at the cashier's house when the boy and his companions, who escaped, tried to enter, to get the key to the bank. This last sorrow exceeded all the others, and the mother's heart was nearly broken, yet she bore up under all these afflictions with rare Christian courage. The pastor visited the boy in jail, and, among other things, advised him not to try to escape, as he would be almost certain to fail. He said he would not try to escape, but he afterwards did, possibly with somebody's connivance.

Was called once in great haste to go and see a man who had been hurt on the railroad, and who had but a short time to live. The man was told that what he said to him must be said quickly. The lower part of his body was terribly crushed, and he could feel death creeping up towards his vital organs. Friends and neighbors stood around as the pastor urged him, as well as he could, to repent of his sins and believe in Jesus Christ, who could save him even then. He had been a rough, wicked man, but he was facing certain death, and he felt the need of some preparation for the other world. He professed to put his trust in Christ, and urged the pastor to pray for him. Then he bethought him of a man who had wronged him and whom he felt that he could not forgive. He was urged to forgive all his enemies if he would have his own sins forgiven, but no, he would not forgive that man. His wife and his lovely daughter also besought him to forgive before he died. They were not professing Christians, but ah! how the presence of death brings out into startling distinctness, even to unconverted people, the necessity of the great Christian doctrines! Pride struggled with forgiveness in that dying man's soul, and pride evidently gained the victory. He would not forgive that one man, and thus he died.

While out calling one day the pastor saw a lady, who had occasionally attended his church, wandering across some vacant lots in an aimless way. Entering into a brief conversation with her, he soon learned that she had resolved to commit suicide within twenty-four hours, on account of troubles in her home. She was dissuaded from her resolution, and urged to seek help from above to bear her troubles. Was that a chance meeting by the wayside, or was it divinely ordered? One call more, or one less, by the pastor that afternoon, turning down one street instead of another, and the result to a soul and a home might have been vastly different.

But not all pastoral experiences were of this sad kind. One evening at a prayer-meeting some boys outside were purposely disturbing the meeting by making a noise on the window. The pastor stepped to the

door, and was sprightly enough in his movements to catch one of the boys. He brought him into the meeting and kept him there, an unwilling and sheepish-looking attendant, until its close. The boy's father afterwards rallied him on being a member of that church. The boy denied that he was a member. "But you are," said the father; "you told me yourself that the preacher took you into the church."

The news came one day that one of the pastor's neighbors, a prominent man in the community, had discovered the fossil remains of a giant in the southern part of the State. The petrification had a short caudal appendage, and hence was supposed to be "the missing link" that evolutionists fondly dreamed of finding. It was brought to town and placed in a public hall, and crowds of people went to see it. It required little study of the carved stone image to show that it was a swindle; it was altogether too perfect. A glance at the "prominent citizen," who stood near, deepened the conviction, because of the sheepish look in that man's face. It so happened (?) that Barnum, the great showman, was in town at just that time. Of course he passed a favorable opinion upon the genuineness of the petrification and negotiated for its exhibition at the East. The fraud was soon exposed, and "the prominent citizen" was not so prominent after that. The discovery by Professor Kerr of a saurian reptile in the Garden of the Gods, near where crowds of tourists have driven for years, was more genuine. It was estimated that the reptile was originally over one hundred feet in length.

The church building and the pastor's house seemed to be in a sort of lightning belt. One year the jail, three blocks distant, was struck by lightning. Another year a horse was killed in a barn two blocks away. A child was killed by lightning not far from the same spot. One night during prayer-meeting a house was struck directly across the street from the church. At another time the lightning struck a telephone in the pastor's back yard, scattering the fragments over the yard, where the children were playing, and giving quite a shock to his wife, who stood by the kitchen stove. The same thunderbolt leaped from the telephone wire and hit the church in a very gingerly way, boring a hole about as large as a knitting needle through the brick wall, and scattering the brick-dust in a straight line across the audience-room. It so happened that the lightning struck in the near vicinity about every other year. After it had struck one year the pastor's little girl was heard to exclaim: "Well, we are safe now for another two years!"

The dry, sandy bed of the famous Cherry Creek was only a few blocks away. Every year or two the news would spread, brought perhaps by some horseman riding furiously into town, that "Cherry Creek was coming," and crowds of people would flock to the banks and watch for hours to see the great, erect tidal wave, or flood, come down, caused by a sud-



den "cloud burst" on the Divide. The front of those walls of water would sometimes be a good many feet high. Woe to the houses built on sand which were in their way. There was one such fearful storm one night on the bluffs six miles from Colorado Springs. The resulting flood flowed through Templeton's Gap, then divided. One part flowed across the level plain five miles, struck the rear part of the town, swept away bridges and houses, and drowned one woman in a house that was swept away. After the flood subsided, great balls of clay were found on the prairie, formed from masses of hard clay which the flood had rolled along until they became balls.

Happening one Sunday to go early into the church, the pastor saw a stranger sitting on a back seat. He spoke with him and learned that his church membership was in a distant part of the city, and that he was looking for a new church home nearer to the farm that he had rented. It was only a few weeks before he and his wife, son, and daughter had joined the church. He was of good New England stock, a college graduate and ex-professor. He made a good trustee and Bible-class teacher for young men, and his wife, besides being a superior musician, made a good primary-class teacher and secretary for the local, and also for the State, missionary society. The family was very faithful at church service and Sunday-school, though living three miles away. Their home was one of the places where the minister's family was always welcome. Through some real estate deal years before, the man had lost all his property, and had also got himself in debt many thousand dollars, yet he became at once the most liberal giver in that home missionary church, giving two dollars every Sunday toward the salary, besides gifts for other objects. God prospered him, and in a few years he not only paid off every cent of the old debt, but secured a good home and farm of his own, all through diligence in business and honoring God with his substance. That family came into the church, sent of God, the pastor believed, in answer to prayer, at a time when things were at low ebb, and the pastor's hands were drooping. Next to seeing souls converted, there is nothing that gives more pleasure to a hard-working, discouraged pastor than to see such a family come into the church.



## NEGLECTED CORNERS: HOW TO TREAT THEM

It is often said that in New England there are many neglected corners, and that the people living in them are lapsing into gross immoralities and are in danger of outright barbarism, because remote from churches and church influences. Remote from churches—it should be noticed that two miles is in our day practically more remote than five or six used to

be ; for this, whatever the reason may be, is an important element in the problem as to what to do with corners.

Let me give, by way of suggestion as to how to treat the problem, an account of one such corner, Moore's Corner in the town of Leverett, Mass. A Congregational church of twenty-seven members (twenty-six on profession) was formed at Moore's Corner on July 8, 1896. When people who knew the place and the character of its inhabitants for years heard that this was to be done, they exclaimed : " What ! at Moore's Corner ? Why, that is one of the hardest places in all this region, noted for intemperance, profanity, Sabbath breaking, and everything bad. How has it come about ? " The ready answer was, that some of the young men from Northfield, under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Cook, have been holding meetings and there has been a revival. Rev. Mr. Cook was employed by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society for six months to look after neglected districts in Franklin County, and he, with two young men from Northfield, did carry on meetings at Moore's Corner, and the church resulted. But, it should be considered, work similar to that which was done at first in Moore's Corner was done by them in other places, and undoubtedly good was done elsewhere, yet nowhere else was such a marked change wrought in the community. Then it appeared that two good women at Moore's Corner had long been praying that God's blessing might come upon the neighborhood. Still, doubtless good women had been praying elsewhere. It is their wont to pray.

Why, then, was such a harvest gained here ? It may be accounted for, in part at least, by the fact that for many years a faithful Christian man had been sowing good seed by constant and regular distribution of religious and other good papers among the children. These papers were read to the children in many cases by mothers who themselves were interested in them. He, with others, had also maintained from time to time Sunday-schools and temperance meetings.

From a report of a committee on Home Evangelization, read in Shutesbury in 1890, it appears that " many years ago," under the lead of a committee on Home Evangelization, of which Mr. A. D. Hubbard, of Sunderland, was chairman, a Sunday-school was opened at Moore's Corner and was carried on for some years at intervals. Then Amherst students were engaged to do Christian work there for a while. In 1886 temperance meetings were held and many signatures were obtained to what Mr. Hubbard calls a cast-iron pledge. It covered tobacco and profane swearing. Most, but not all, who signed, were children. There were some marked instances of reformation among adults.

But, after all, the constant distribution of religious papers by Mr. Hubbard, whose business carried him regularly to the place, seems to have had most effect in preparing for the good results of last year. This

work was begun at a suggestion made by Rev. Austin Cary, of Sunderland, more than thirty years ago. At first the church in Sunderland, or its Sunday-school, appropriated small sums of money to procure papers. Then papers were collected from individuals and publishing houses in large numbers. Mr. Dudley first looked out for the distribution, but in two years the work fell into the hands of Mr. Hubbard, who has carried it on to this day.

In answer to the question sometimes asked, "Are these papers read?" Mr. Hubbard reports one boy as saying, "I have to jump when your bell rings, for all the folks want to read your papers." Again, "Two small Irish girls will leave their play and their mates at once when my bell rings, and stand ready to receive their papers. The eldest girl says that she lays them all up to read over again by-and-by."

Who can doubt that this circulation and reading of religious papers has had a large part in preparing for the good work done in the community in the winter of 1895 and in the following spring?

This, then, is one way to treat corners—give the people something good to read, and follow it up with personal work. Go about among the people as heralds of salvation, you Christian laymen. Wherever your business carries you, remember that the King's business is your first and most important business.—J. C.



## THE BABY'S FUNERAL

BY MRS. DORA READ BARBER

HOME missionary life is a checkered web. There are many scenes that are very bright and give one real joy to have them in remembrance. There are also many dark scenes.

I came home on Friday night flattering myself that I should have a whole day's rest before entering upon the work of the next week. This day being all my own I concluded to spend it in the open air, and accordingly took my pony to a grassy field where he would be sure to enjoy the day too, for he shares in all my work. I had not yet given him his morning brushing when my attention was drawn to a carriage coming rapidly down the hill toward me. On coming nearer, one of the men in the carriage informed me that a baby had died about five miles up the Willamette River, and that my husband and I were wanted to conduct the funeral. My holiday was at an end, but I remembered that it was our duty to "weep with those who weep." We find it a real joy to be able to say a word of comfort to those who are in trouble.

We saddled the ponies and started across the woods because it was nearer. In many places the trail was so narrow that we could only make our way by going "Indian file." Once the ponies had to jump a large log, and again we were obliged to ford a stream through a deep cañon or go a long way round, so we forded. Soon we came out into the open road that wound over hills and through valleys where the modest violet nestled in its mossy bed and the stalwart ox-eyed daisies stood like so many sentinels on guard.

Sometimes the road lay very close to the placid-faced Willamette, with its bright fringe of willows and vine maple, looking in the distance like a silver thread shot through emerald. Again we crossed deep ravines on rustic bridges below which the little waterfalls laughed and tossed their spray as they leaped from crag to crag on their way to mingle their sparkling waters with the calm deep gray of the river. We stopped to gather a handful of the wild flowers which grew in such profusion on the river's bank for the casket, and then pursued our onward journey until we reached the house of mourning.

It was a humble dwelling. The floors were bare, the walls were hung with a few simple pictures. A fir knot was smoking on the hearth as if its efforts to add one bright ray to the desolate picture had also been in vain. In a corner of the room on a rude table stood a little white casket, around which the family now and then gathered, so reluctant were they to part with the precious clay that had once held the little spirit. The Scripture was read and prayer offered. The sable-veiled mourners looked for the last time on that which had by the ties of nature become so dear to them, and for the last time kissed the little white hands that on earth were folded forever, and we started for the city of the dead that lay just across the river. The descent to the river being very steep, a line of men was placed at intervals down the bank, and the casket was handed from one to the other. When we reached the river the skiffs were waiting, and the minister, holding the casket, took the bow of the boat which contained the relatives of the baby, and one by one the boats fell into the wake of the first. The river's placid face smiled and dimpled at the touch of the boatman's oar as though it were not carrying a multitude of sad and aching hearts upon its surface. The daisies on the bank, also, nodded to the breeze just as they had before when we took the ride for pleasure. "O Earth! beautiful, cruel mother, how canst thou smile with a face so fair, when sorrow and death crush thy children?" But the earth answered, "I smile with a calm and changeless smile to show all my frail children that my unchanging joy shall one day be theirs."

When we reached the cemetery the sermon was preached, the casket lowered, and with the solemn words, "dust to dust," the body was committed to the earth to await the resurrection morn. After the grave was



filled each member of the family placed upon it a tribute of flowers, and all was over.

The homeward journey across the river was a silent one, save for the dipping of the oar and the smothered sobs of the broken-hearted mother ; and our hearts ached when we remembered that she did not know Jesus and had not learned to cast her care upon him. In the few minutes we stayed at the home we tried to point those weeping ones to him and to help them to see that he loves and cares for us and "doeth all things well."

These people do not have church privileges, and funeral sermons are about all the preaching they ever hear ; but our prayer has been that he may strengthen the chain he hath broken in twain and fasten it firm to the skies.—*Exchange.*

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Since I first wrote this, we have a church within less than a mile of this cemetery, and Mr. Barber preaches there twice each month.—*Wilsonville, Ore.*



## HOW MALCOLM SOLVED THE PROBLEM

BY MISS KATHARINE MACNAUGHTEN

MRS. SINCLAIR sat before the glowing fire, deep in thought. Round the center table was gathered a group of young girls busily engaged in dressing dolls and making fancy articles for a bazaar. They chatted and laughed, mixing their conversation in a remarkable way with running comment on the poor little girl in India that their circle of King's Daughters were interested in, and exclamations and plans for their own booth, which was to be "too sweet for anything" with decorations and oriental costumes. Off in a corner sat Malcolm, a bright boy of fifteen, apparently deep in "The Boys of '61," but with a half cynical, half wistful glance from time to time toward the little group at the table. Mrs. Sinclair paid little heed to any of them.

She had just returned from a missionary conference and her mind was uplifted and her heart stirred to its very depths by the words to which she had listened. One heavy thought weighed on her mind which she could not put aside : "Where were all the young men and boys in this glorious work?"

In their own active church the Woman's Missionary Society was well organized ; the young girls were banded together with King's Daughters circles and doing effective work. Even the Young People's Association had made some spasmodic efforts "to interest the young men in mis-

sions," but so far all had failed. She sighed as she thought of her own bright boy, and many like him, who were standing aloof from all this work so dear to her own heart.

Suddenly, apropos of nothing, Malcolm broke out, "I don't see why only girls should have 'Circles.' Why can't we be King's Sons just as well? The girls have all the good times nowadays. They put on a little cross and call themselves King's Daughters. Then they go to work and make pincushions with dolls' heads on, and crazy looking things they call 'fancy articles,' and every one says they are so lovely, but they never think of asking us into help them get up a bazaar. I think it is just mean."

Malcolm paused to take breath while the girls giggled, and here Mrs. Sinclair was forced to smile, but her heart gave a leap of joy. Here was a way out, of which she had never dreamed. "My dear boy," she said, "you make me very happy, but you must not be too hard on the poor girls; they are not to blame. I am afraid we all thought you did not care."

"Well, we do; I know a lot of fellows who would come in if only some one would give us a start and help us a little. I say, mother, you be a leader of a circle and I will get the boys. Do now, like a dear, sweet little mother that you are." And Malcolm rushed to his mother's side and nearly smothered her with kisses.

"There, there, my dear child," she answered, with a little quiver in her voice, "I will do what I can; but, Malcolm, you must not go into this for the fun of the thing, but remember that you are a King's Son, and it is 'For His Sake' you do this work, and think what a privilege it is to work for him and help others who are as dear to him as any of us."

The question was soon practically settled by Malcolm bringing about ten of his friends, some of them already open followers of Christ, and others who were hesitating, they hardly knew why. They chose their own officers, and, with kindly help and suggestion from the leader, commenced the work.

In humble imitation of "the favored sex," they began by sending a box to the West, to a mining camp, collecting good magazines and books, with some little comforts for the "fellows" who had a hard time of it.

The dainty leader of the band was not allowed to do more than superintend the packing. They hoped they could do that much. That, at least, was "men's work." At every meeting a little bank was produced which held their voluntary offerings. Soon sufficient money was raised to support a boy in an industrial school in China. They immediately began a vigorous study of China, its history and customs. Remarkable discussions were sometimes carried on, and an occasional frolic was indulged in to relieve their feelings, but Mrs. Sinclair's gentle ways soon

restored order, and the circle was voted a success. It was noised abroad in the church, and other circles were formed, some of them led by the young men. The older people held aloof at first, strange to say, even the women. "There were too many organizations, anyway," and "these boys would not keep it up long."

These comments did not hinder the work, and the heart of the pastor was cheered as one after another the young people dropped in to the missionary meeting, the older ones even taking part, the others helping with singing, and by their very presence giving cheer and encouragement. Then the "usual monthly meeting in behalf of missions" was transformed into a live missionary meeting, where all the burning questions of the day were discussed, with the room crowded, and young and old doing something toward the result; even the most skeptical were forced to admit that "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

Meanwhile, Malcolm, blissfully unconscious of having done anything remarkable, went on his way rejoicing; but in his mother's heart was a great song of thankfulness for this wonderful answer to prayer. Truly,

"In ways we have not known  
God leads his own."



## HOW THE GOSPEL ENTERED THE GREAT BASIN

BY REV. D. L. LEONARD, D.D., OBERLIN, OHIO

THE extensive area which bears this name constitutes the driest portion of our vast arid region. In general it is a land of almost limitless "sage brush, sand, saleratus, and salt," whose look is forlorn and forbidding in the extreme. There are, however, valleys not a few blessed with mountain streams, and with soil so fertile that by irrigation the desert is easily made to blossom as the rose. And yet the difficulties of settlement were so exceeding great that without some extraordinary happening it would almost certainly have been left for generations uninhabited. Pioneers were required who were rude, tractable, and credulous, as well as massed and impelled by leaders filled with wild vagaries and bent on absolute rule. So refractory were the materials chosen, so unpromising the instruments employed, that the divine ordering in the matter may appear strange and inscrutable to the borders of the irrational. But we need not doubt that even in this case the results in future centuries will abundantly "assert eternal providence and justify the ways of God to men."

Ten years before the arrival of the Mormons in Utah, the supply of

converts in this country having seriously fallen off, missionaries had been sent to Great Britain, where the guile of the elders readily sufficed to capture multitudes, who were shipped across the sea to the Illinois Zion. After arriving in the "valleys of the mountains" and taking time to look about and lay foundations, the task of recruiting was taken up again, both to retrieve the appalling losses by apostasy following the death of the original prophet, and also to secure population sufficient to gain statehood; but especially, when polygamy was proclaimed, in 1852, seized by a sublime-ridiculous impulse, hundreds of zealous proselyters were dispatched at once to every land, whether pagan or Christian, to capture the whole world for this precious creed. For the most part this quixotic crusade came to utter grief. The heathen and Romanist heart were found to be altogether stony; but in Denmark and Sweden a host was found ready to hear and heed. The Perpetual Emigration Fund was started to aid impecunious Scandinavian and British saints; every year whole shiploads were imported; while all summer, from the Missouri to Salt Lake, long trains were creeping up the Platte, through South Pass, and down Echo Cañon. In this way and by natural increase the population rose to 11,000 in 1850, during the next decade to 40,000, and by 1870 to 87,000. At one time the annual immigration rose to 6,000. To furnish homes for these hordes of neophytes new settlements were opened by the Church for hundreds of miles about in every direction—from Fort Bridger, Wyoming, to Carson Valley, Nevada, and San Bernardino, California; and from Idaho to St. George, hard by the borders of Arizona.

Considering the colossal conceit mingled with large measures of fanaticism which from the first had characterized the Mormon hierarchy, it is not strange that in the midst of such really great achievements they should find it hard to curb themselves and submit willingly to any outside dictation, or pay much deference to the law of the land. They were not Americans, except by the accident of birth or habitation. Always, everywhere, and only, they were "Latter-day Saints." They could scarcely forgive Congress for extending its authority over the Great Basin just after they had entered it, and another serious grievance came when, asking to be constituted a sovereign State, they were relegated instead to the ignominious condition of a Territory. Gentile judges and courts were intolerable. It was something that Brigham Young was appointed governor, but he was soon removed. Such was the general disposition to resist and rebel that in 1857 it was found necessary to send an army to bring them to their senses. Besides, all through the fifties, mainly as a result of the ruthless measures instituted to compel universal assent to the doctrine and practice of polygamy, a reign of terror prevailed. The so-called "Reformation" was started and carried on, as dreadful and revolting a spasm of religious frenzy as the world ever saw. "Blood atonement" was the



phrase which set forth the climax of the madness, the duty and necessity of literally shedding one's blood for the remission of sins otherwise inexpiable, like rebellion against the priesthood, and apostasy. The carnival of murder culminated in the Mountain Meadows massacre, than which surely the sun never shone upon a deed more damnable. It was the butchery without provocation of more than six-score men, women, and children, emigrants on their way to California. In 1862 a law against polygamy was framed in Washington, but it came to nothing. Having so serious a task already on hand, Mr. Lincoln is credited with the remark, "If the Mormons will let me alone, I will let them alone." In 1874 a second anti-polygamy law was passed, which likewise remained a *brutum fulmen*. The set time for calling these audacious law-breakers to account had not yet come.

Nevertheless the worst was now over. This obnoxious system had reached its zenith in 1857, and from that date steady decadence can be traced. Human nature had been overstrained with excitement, and reaction began to set in. Leaders and followers began to awake from the long nightmare and debauch. Besides, in 1862 a regiment of Californians was ordered in, who planted themselves upon the bench just beyond the outskirts of Salt Lake. And the next year some of these miners, prospecting in the neighboring mountains, struck divers veins overflowing with mineral treasures. Nor was it long before in the cañons and the city were found thousands of hardy and determined men, for whom even Brigham Young was no match, and who utterly abhorred him and all his works. The telegraph also was there, the newspaper soon followed; and presently the railroad began to stretch westward across the plains. Occasional notices had appeared in *The Home Missionary* relating to Mormon matters, but in August, 1864, it was declared: "The time cannot be far distant when it will be possible to plant the banner of the Cross among the misguided population of this strange land. Indeed, we are not sure that if the right one could be found willing to go, it might not be safe and wise to send him at once." President Jonathan Blanchard was at this time making an extensive tour through the Rockies under the auspices of the Society, and visited Salt Lake to study the situation. Another reconnoissance was made about the same time by Samuel Holmes of New York. And as the result of the investigation, General Connor, commanding the troops in Utah, adding his testimony and urgent request, "the door seemed open. Who should go? It was now winter. The overland route was infested by Indians, and it appeared imperative to rob one post to man another." So Rev. Norman McLeod of Denver was telegraphed to go at once, and January 16, 1865, he arrived in the valley, the first Christian minister to lift up his voice in solemn protest against the follies and iniquities of the dominant ecclesiastical system. He brought a full

stock of zeal, courage, and determination, and, having secured a hall, was soon at work with tongue and pen with all his might. The congregations were large, a great sensation was produced, and before the lapse of many days a bitter opposition set in. A Sunday-school and preaching service were opened at the camp. In February a church was formed with eighteen members, an ecclesiastical society also, with twelve trustees, Chief Justice Titus being president, and a movement for a sanctuary was set on foot. A course of lectures was given to crowded audiences, Mormons being present in large numbers, with intense excitement attending. Such plain speech had never before been heard in Zion, such handling without gloves of the "First Presidency," the "Quorum of the Apostles," and all the church dignitaries. Probably the fiery enthusiasm of the speaker ran away with his prudence, though under the circumstances this was not at all strange.

For some months the presence of officers and soldiers was of great value to the work, but unfortunately the military headquarters were now removed to Denver, a large fraction of the troops soon following. Then later in the year Mr. McLeod was summoned to Washington by a committee of Congress to give testimony as touching the situation in the Great Basin. Some months passed before he was ready to return, and then reaching Leavenworth he was met by a telegram from General Connor, stating that Dr. Robinson, his Sunday-school superintendent, had been foully murdered by the ruffian "saints," and counseling him to prolong his absence, lest he also should fall by the hand of the assassin. So the work was suspended until the fury should subside. Year after year went by with no opportunity appearing for resumption. In November, 1871, it was written: "The indications are that Utah will soon be open again for labor. Five years ago Mr. McLeod was driven out, and since the church and Sunday-school have disappeared. But the railroad has come, the mountains are swarming with Gentiles, while a powerful party of social reformers has been organized," etc. In July, 1872, though the congregation was scattered, it was reported that the property which had been purchased was still held. Superintendent Warren of San Francisco had paid a visit to the city, and steps had been taken to reinaugurate the undertaking. A few months afterwards the plucky evangelist was back again at his post; in spite of serious set-backs he was courageous and hopeful, and could tell of 800 and 1,000 in attendance at his lectures. Nevertheless, the old hostility was found to be yet alive, so strong and virulent withal that it was plainly wisdom for the object about which it centered to retire from the scene. Hence, at the end of a twelve-month, Mr. McLeod took his final departure; not at all, however, that the field was to be abandoned, but rather that successful tillage was just about to begin. Two ministers from the Pacific coast, with one of the

secretaries of the Society, made a careful investigation upon the spot, and reported that only an acceptable leader was required to make possible a fair degree of success. The qualities required were found embodied in Rev. Walter M. Barrows. Before the end of 1873 he had taken up the task so arduous, and at the earliest moment proceeded to reorganize. From this time onward steady progress can be traced.

But meanwhile a second locality for evangelizing effort had been coming into notice. The Pacific Railroad had been completed in 1869, and Ogden had been fixed upon, at the point of junction of the two divisions. Here, therefore, scores of officials and train men with their families had come to reside. Late in 1876 an item appeared to the effect that Rev. A. W. Stafford was newly stationed at this point. At first the outlook was encouraging, interested hearers were found in sufficient numbers, though after some months it appeared that, with two neat church buildings near by, the obstacle of climbing a long flight of stairs was working serious harm. However, with the timely aid of Superintendent Warren, who happened that way just then, a church was formed in July with nine members. Later in the season their shepherd left his flock and took his departure for the East to raise money for a house of worship. Not meeting with success, and when no friendly counselor was at hand, a certain grievous wolf entered in among them, not sparing the flock, even promising another shepherd and a comfortable sanctuary, on condition that they only change their name and ecclesiastical connection; which thing a majority of them proceeded to do.

In 1877 we find Mr. Barrows urgently setting forth the need of schools in Utah, since none in the Territory were free, naming several points where these should be established, and calling on the friends of Christian education for financial assistance. Schools could be introduced more easily than churches, because the prejudice against them would be much less. The year following he told of great interest in education all through the settlements. A missionary was called for to organize a movement in Southern Utah. A dozen teachers would not be too many. A beginning was made in July by the incorporation of Salt Lake Academy, Rev. E. W. Benner, principal, and at its opening in September eighty pupils were in attendance. Since this was not exactly the work of the Home Missionary Society, he wondered if a Woman's Board could not be organized to take it in hand. A few years ago Utah was closed, but now it was open. In July, 1879, it was stated that track-laying was in progress for a railroad into Southern Utah, and also for another northward towards Montana, by which new openings were made for evangelists and teachers. Besides, "an immigration is expected during the season greater than for the last five years taken together." In November Mr. Barrows reported a visit to Park City, with a population of 600, but with neither church nor school.



He called an assembly, proposed that they raise \$400 for repairs upon the building and to apply on salary, while he would secure the residue and send a teacher. A subscription of nearly the whole amount needed was made at once. The field should have a preacher in the spring. He may have to take a trip to Idaho the next week on a similar errand. Mr. Pickett had been directed by the Society to visit Mormondom at the earliest day, to open several incipient preaching stations, and was nearly ready to start when his lamented death occurred. In February of 1880 Mr. Barrows was able to state that Park City had a school in operation with two teachers and ninety pupils, a Sunday-school also, a telegraph, and in the spring would be accessible by railroad. A school had been started too at West Jordan. He had been to Farmington to agitate for a school. During the summer of that year Rev. C. C. Creegan, Mr. Pickett's successor in Colorado, made a flying visit to Utah, and while there organized a church in Park City, to which Rev. C. W. Hill was commissioned by the Society in July. In September *The Home Missionary* contained the intelligence that the Salt Lake church needed aid no longer and had become self-sustaining, an achievement highly creditable to its pastor. This same magazine had already expressed the conviction that Salt Lake Academy had come into being largely through the energy and wise measures of Mr. Barrows.

Mention must also be made here of an event of greatest significance to Utah and the surrounding Territories which occurred in Chicago in 1879. The question had often been anxiously canvassed, as to what instrumentality should be employed in the New West to further the work of Christian education. At length, by divers Congregational pastors of that city, with Col. C. G. Hammond to supply no small part of the intellectual and spiritual dynamics required, the conclusion was reached that a new organization was called for. This was also brought into being by setting up the New West Education Commission, whose especial mission it was to found and foster in all the region which suffered sorely from the blight of Mormonism or Catholicism of the Mexican type schools of various grades from the primary to the academic. By the end of 1880 the preliminaries had been settled, the methods of work had been laid down, executive officers and a few teachers had been chosen, and the Society was ready to push vigorously for substantial enlargement.

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“SEND me, Lord, to the rough and savage pagans of the wilderness ; send me from all that is called comfort on earth ; send me even to death itself, if it be only in thy service and to promote thy Kingdom.”—*David Brainerd*.



## THE FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE OF PRAYER

[We print below the substance of a letter by Rev. W. C. Merritt, of Snohomish, Washington, to his brethren, the Congregational ministers of that State, concerning The Fellowship League of Prayer, the object of which the perusal of the letter will make plain. The League is a measure for reviving the interest and combining the efforts of the pastors and churches of that State, which was cordially indorsed by the General Association at its latest meeting in Tacoma. As will be seen, the plan is equally adapted to use by earnest believers and workers in all parts of our country. To their thoughtful and prayerful study we commend the letter.—ED.]

THE Fellowship League of Prayer may be made very potent for good. But it is so easy to forget! For our own help I have had printed, on heavy manila paper, 12 x 18 inches in size, and hung in our prayer room, a reminder that we belong to this League of Prayer and have promised to pray for one another at our mid-week services.

Have you noted the call of the Evangelical Alliance to observe a "quiet day" preparatory to the winter's work? It seems to me to be of the very spirit and genius of the Gospel, and a vital, aggressive Christianity. Do we not, as churches and pastors, carry on our work too much in the spirit of isolated individualism, where unity, fraternity, fellowship, and a consecrated common purpose should dominate and control? We can pray and believe, not only for ourselves, but for others, and we should. We may well learn a lesson from the late political campaign. Why not conduct a campaign for Christ in our State, moving along similar Christian lines in a united effort led of the spirit? Why may not we pastors observe a "quiet day" *each month* in the fellowship of Christ, the Holy Spirit, and one another? To make the unity of meditation and prayer the closer, we might have for our common study the same Scriptures—as, *e.g.* (Phil. ii. 1-11): "Let this mind be in you," etc.—changing the Scriptures each month. Jesus said (Matt. xviii. 19): "If two of you shall agree [the Greek word is that from which come our words symphony and symphonize] on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them," etc. In the dedication of the Temple (2 Chron. v. 13) ' "It came to pass as the trumpeters and singers were *as one*, to make *one sound* to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord . . . that then . . . the glory of the Lord filled the house of God." And in Acts i. 14 and ii. 1 we find this unity of prayer when the Holy Spirit manifested himself in pentecostal power and glory. Are we not missing our baptism of power, in that we have not been using this principle of the kingdom of heaven, unity and fellowship in prayer? Why not claim in a "monthly symphony of prayer" the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our work?

## CLIPPINGS FROM REPORTS

HAPPY RESULTS.—Our union revival meetings were particularly successful in promoting fellowship between us and our Methodist neighbors. Now we all recognize that we are brethren. Two adults, one male head of a family, professed conversion to Christ, and four backsliders returned to the Father's house, adding ten to our numbers, and leaving us all quickened and strengthened. I went one hundred miles southwest into Meade County, to help Missionary Thompson in some evangelistic tent-meetings. That large tent, pitched right out on the prairie, looked indeed like a campaign in the wilderness. The people came from somewhere, and the Lord so blessed the work that a Congregational church is likely to result on the edge of the beautiful artesian district, which is a strategic point.—*Kansas*.

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OUR GREAT HINDRANCE.—This is the prevailing worldliness of the people. For example: A young lady, who ceased to run with the crowd to the same excess of riot, was called "a nun" by them. The same every one may experience who wishes to live a Christian life. I may say that one hundred souls have been drawn away by those who scare the church. Nevertheless, there is a young lady from a Catholic family, whose father is an infidel, her mother indifferent, and three of her brothers blasphemers, but who never omits our Sunday-school and preaching service. It is difficult for an American to realize how hard the work among such people is. They were, as children, never brought to any Sunday-school, and consequently it is strange for them to begin now, when they have been brought up in such an unspiritual state.—*Iowa (Scandinavian)*.

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LENGTHENING THE CORDS.—We have for some months back dropped our morning session that I might hold service in the country, some eleven miles out. Excepting as we supply them, this out-field, embracing a section six miles square, has no services of any kind. There is danger of their settling into practical heathenism. There is little Christian sentiment among them now, but if ministered to they will probably have a self-supporting church there in time. There are also neglected fields to the west and southwest of us, and I shall probably take up alternate appointments in these neglected out-fields. So long as our church carries on such work I believe it has a right to live.—*Wisconsin*.

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IN "GOD'S FIRST TEMPLE."—Our church building gave evidence of danger from falling of plaster, etc. So, being heartily assisted by the Christian Endeavorers, we held a home camp-meeting every Sabbath in the park. Our audiences ranged from 200 to 500. Guitars, cornets,

organ, male quartette, choir, Chinese lanterns, and a locomotive head-light were all consecrated to this evangelistic effort. Numbers of the non-churchgoing were drawn to the services and, we have good reason to believe, to "the sweet reasonableness" of the truth as it is in Jesus.—*Kansas.*

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CHILDREN BROUGHT IN.—A feature of our Sunday evening services has been the attendance of from twenty to thirty children, and the pastor's brief talks to them have been rewarded by the conversion of sixteen of them. The children evidently knew what they were doing, for their decisions came after several weeks of interest and serious thought.—*Indiana.*

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TWELVE CONVERTS RECEIVED.—The most cheering event of the quarter was the reception of twelve members at one communion, the largest accession, I think, since the organization. Ten of these were from two families who had long attended the church, but, being Presbyterian and Baptist, had delayed uniting with us. The conversion of three of the children during the few months turned the older ones to us, from the aged grandmother of eighty-three to the granddaughter of eleven years.—*Minnesota.*

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GRATEFUL FOR HELP.—I must state a pleasing incident, showing that our Western people are not *all* wanting in gratitude for Eastern benefits. Last year Superintendent Bross forwarded me thirty-six dollars from Eastern friends, to distribute among our needy farmers for seed-corn. One of the recipients came to me recently and said: "I want to pay back that money that helped me so much last year." This explains so much of the collection reported at this time.—*Nebraska.*

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WORKING FOR A PARSONAGE.—It is impossible to tell all the ways a Home Missionary has to devise to meet emergencies. The other day I spent from 6 A.M. until 4.30 P.M. in the saddle (stopping only long enough to eat) in getting our brethren to work on a parsonage enterprise: borrowing a log wagon, getting men to give us timber; then, later, shouldering a saw and assisting in the felling of the trees, soliciting teams to haul the lumber from the sawmill, which was six miles distant, then helping to lay the foundation. Meanwhile the visiting of the sick and many other things had to draw upon the time. Ofttimes weary in the way, but not weary of it, rejoicing in hope, with our eyes fixed on Christ the source of all strength, we found true delight in the work.—*Indiana.*

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HIS LABORS BLESSED.—On the 18th of October we received four members on confession of faith; on November 8th two on confession

and one by letter ; on November 11th two by letter ; on November 18th one on confession ; and on December 6th one on confession. We have appointed next Sabbath evening as a special service for the formal reception of these persons. All of them are manifesting a growing love for the truths of the Lord and a deeper interest in the work of the church. All our members are exceedingly hopeful for the church's progress in this very needy field, embracing 1,200 or 1,500 people, 800 of whom are Protestants. I am greatly pressed in spirit for their salvation.  
—*Denver, Colo.*

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ENCOURAGED.—We have felt the Spirit's presence in our service. At our latest communion we received on confession ten new members and one by letter. Many more are laboring under deep conviction. The church is being spiritually quickened in her various departments. Our place of worship is too small to accommodate those who desire to come. It seats barely 300, and our town numbers nearly 14,000. The Sunday-school attendance is the largest in the church's twenty-six years' history. In many of our services the majority are men, and in the Sunday-school many heads of families attend with much interest.—*Mt. Carmel, Pa.*

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AFTER THE YOUNG FOLKS.—I have a full Bible-class of young men, my wife has a class of young ladies averaging about a dozen, and the Sunday-school has another class of large boys numbering, last Sunday, seventeen. Most of them belong to my "Zigzag Club," with whom I meet every alternate Friday evening. The pleasant fact about our full evening audience is the large number of lads and young people who make up the attendance. These are helping in different ways to carry forward our church work. My prayer is that their hearts may be touched with religious conviction, that they may be brought into living relations with Christ and the church.—*Omaha, Neb.*

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THE MEMORY OF THE JUST.—After supplying Ormond for the summer, after Rev. J. W. Harding's death, we had planned to go North, but as we were familiar with Ormond and the east coast, the question naturally arose of continuing a year if all were satisfactory. So we are providentially here for that period. It has been very pleasant to follow Dr. Harding and to hear so many kind things said of him. I learn that he was a very faithful pastor, visiting the people, speaking with them on the subject of personal religion, and comforting and cheering all on in the Christian life. He was particularly well adapted to the field, and did a great deal of good of which even the church and public knew nothing. This comes out from familiar conversations with those whom he helped.  
—*Rev. D. M. Breckenridge, Ormond, Fla.*



## OPEN-AIR MEETINGS

HAVING decided to try to combat the prevailing worldliness of the people in this vicinity, I called together some of those who could sing and began practicing songs for the special services. Assisted by two earnest brethren, we began the meetings in an arbor made by driving posts into the ground, and covering them with brush. Around this we placed four camp fires, made by setting posts about four feet in length into the ground, joining these with poles and covering them with earth, on which we built fires. These lighted up the place for a hundred yards around. Our services lasted two weeks. In the daytime we visited homes and at night preached. We came in contact with Methodists, Baptists, Campbellites, Holiness people, and Dunkards, nearly all of whom were represented at our meetings, and some joined very heartily in the work. One of our most hopeful converts is a young man about seventeen years old. About the fifth night after our meetings began he made a bold stand for Christ. His step led his father and mother to unite with us. His father is an old soldier who had been on the frontier many years, and had not been inside of a church since 1868. He says he always knew what he ought to do, so when his son made a start he hesitated no longer.

I visited another church which two years ago had thirty members but now could only muster twelve, as they have been without a pastor for over a year. So everywhere in this new country the work is crippled for the want of workers. Shall we not pray continually that "the Lord of the harvest may send more laborers into his vineyard," and that the hearts of his children may be opened for their support?—*Missouri.*

## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04
August.....3,460.00	487.56	2,167.21	6,114.77
September....9,148.64	610.00	5,775.99	15,534.63
October.....7,115.88	218.85	1,646.85	8,981.58
November....12,533.97	331.00	30,845.53	43,710.50
December....20,941.25	200.00	77,086.65	98,227.90

## APPOINTMENTS IN DECEMBER, 1896

*Not in commission last year*

Ayres, Andrew F., West Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Allen, Jesse F., Sulligent, Ala.  
 Bryant, J. W., Kenosha, Lake View, Langelle Valley, Bonanza, Pine Grove, and Circuit, Ore.  
 Dickson, Jas. Porter, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Fewster, Ernest Philip, Lowell, Wash.  
 Forbes, Charles A., Red Cliff, Colo.  
 Hakes, Albert W., Winfred and Freedom, So. Dak.  
 Gray, William J., Everett, Wash.  
 Hartley, John, Butternut and Fifield, Wis.  
 Leppert, David, Huntington, Ore.  
 Lockwood, John W. H., Kennewick, Wash.  
 Munneke, Stado, Lesterville, So. Dak.  
 Newman, George Henry, Ritzville, Wash.  
 Osthoff, Eugene C., Muskegon, Mich.  
 Patchell, Wm. Trimble, Eaton, Colo.  
 Preston, Elmer E., Hemingford, Reno, and Hyannis, Neb.  
 Rowell, N. L., Redondo Beach, Cal.  
 Sanford, John I., New Duluth, Minn.  
 Smith, Jas. Challen, Alexandria, Ind.  
 Stewart, Julius H., San Bernardino, Cal.  
 Waller, E., Tipton, Cal.

*Recommissioned*

Barteau, Sidney H., Iowa, La.  
 Becker, James A., Spearfish, So. Dak.  
 Belt, S. D., Santa Monica, Cal.  
 Bingham, Charles M., Daytona, Fla.  
 Bosworth, William A., Wichita, Kan.  
 Breckenridge, Daniel M., Ormond, Fla.  
 Brown, Robert P., Arapahoe and Independence, Okla.  
 Carter, Elijah, Edgerton, Minn.  
 Christy, Dennis H., Albion, Penn.  
 Cooke, William H., General Missionary in No. Cal.  
 Cross, Rowland S., Monticello, Minn.  
 Curran, Edward, Crockett, Cal.  
 De Kay, George H., Norwalk and Buena Park, Cal.

Doane, Frank B., Dayton, Wash.  
 Edmonds, Robert H., Mansfield, O.  
 Gadsby, George, Ceredo, W. Va.  
 Gearhart, Charles D., Pierce, Neb.  
 Graf, John Frederick, Springfield, Mo.  
 Harris, Benjamin, Palmyra, O.  
 Hardy, Miss Georgie W., Vinita, Ind. Ter.  
 Heald, Josiah H., Nogales, Ariz.  
 Hemenway, Frank W., Newton, Kan.  
 Henry, J. A., Colwich and Maize, Kan.  
 Holleyman, Thomas E., McAlester, Ind. Ter.  
 Huffman, Nathan, Pokeyama, Cal.  
 Jaffery, James, Bangor, Penn.  
 Jenkins, David T., Hillsboro and Kelso, No. Dak.  
 Johnson, William, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Jones, Robert Griffith, Stewartville, Minn.  
 Keyes, Russell Melzo, Lake Preston and Lake Henry, So. Dak.  
 Kirkwood, Wm. Arnot, Parkville, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 Knapp, Geo. W., Grant, Neb.  
 Lehtinen, Franz, Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio.  
 Lewis, John, Detroit, Mich.  
 Lich, John, Lincoln, Neb.  
 Lodwick, Wm., Lake Benton, Minn.  
 Mills, Ernest P., Kansas City, Kan.  
 Nelson, Gustave Walter, Port Angeles and Pine Hill, Wash.  
 Newell, Wm. W., Duluth, Minn.  
 Parsons, A. S., General Missionary at Scotia, Rio Dell, Alton, Pepperwood, etc., No. Cal.  
 Parsons, Henry W., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Poling, Daniel V., Albany, Ore.  
 Snell, Charles Y., Inkster, No. Dak.  
 Sprague, Elmer E., Farnum, Neb.  
 Robertson, Angus A., Port Morris, N. Y. City.  
 Staver, Daniel, Hillside, Greenville, and Gaston, Ore.  
 Thayer, O. Franklin, Cheney, Wash.  
 Town, Willard O., Thompson, Ohio.  
 Uzzell, Thomas A., Denver, Colo.  
 Wadsworth, George, Pawnee, Okla.  
 Wells, John Lester, Jersey City, N. J.  
 Whitlock, Frank M., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Widing, C. A., Ashtabula, Ohio.  
 Wise, William Cooper, Chelan, Wash.  
 Wood, Samuel, Havelock, Neb.

## RECEIPTS IN DECEMBER, 1896

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 520 to 524

## MAINE—\$311.77.

Auburn, High Street S. S., by W. A. Robinson .....	\$10 00
Bath, Winter Street Ch., by G. J. Mitchell .....	111 20
Blanchard, by J. Blanchard .....	5 00
Bucksport, Mrs. J. Bradley, \$5; Mrs. E. Buck, \$5 .....	10 00
Calais, First, by A. L. Clapp .....	34 00
Corvinna, A. Blanchard .....	5 00
Cumberland Center, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. N. P. Jordan .....	10 00
Fort Fairfield, by Rev. G. B. Haddock .....	6 00
Gardiner, Mrs. H. A. Ballard .....	1 80
Machias, S. S. of the Center Street, by H. M. Heaton .....	5 77
Naples, A. S. Perly .....	10 00
New Gloucester, S. H. Chandler .....	10 00
Orono, Mrs. J. H. Emery .....	5 00

## Portland, St. Lawrence Street, by J.

J. Gerrish .....	\$10 00
"H. O. Farrington, collector" .....	60 00
Cash, Second Parish. Friends .....	2 00
Searsport, H. M. Pendleton .....	2 00
South Berwick, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. R. Ricker .....	3 00
South Brewer, Rev. J. Ramage .....	2 00
South Bridgton, by T. B. Knapp .....	4 00
Wiscasset, A Friend .....	5 00

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$249.07.

Alstead Center, S. S. Rally, by Mrs. E. B. Greene .....	2 00
Amherst, A Friend, "A. C. B." .....	1 00
Concord, A Friend .....	2 00
Friend .....	5 00
Exeter, A. E. McIntire .....	2 00

Gilmanton, A Friend .....	\$3 77
Hillsboro Bridge, Mrs. C. M. Burnham, to const. Rev. H. N. Dascomb a L. M. ....	50 00
Hooksett, by W. S. A. Miller .....	15 30
Keene, "A Christmas Offering" .....	15 00
Lyme, by D. A. Grant .....	52 00
Lyme Center, Mrs. A. Bailey .....	1 00
Manchester, J. W. Johnston .....	20 00
H. J. Parkhurst .....	10 00
Newmarket, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. Hutchenson .....	10 00
Peterboro, Extra-cent-a-day Band of Union Ch., by Miss J. M. Buckminster .....	15 00
Union Ch., by C. S. Pierce .....	5 50
Pike Station, E. B. Pike .....	5 00
Pittsfield, M. H. Nutter .....	13 70
South Merrimack, A Friend .....	10 00
West Rindge, G. G. Williams .....	9 40
Winchester, "In His Name" .....	2 00

## VERMONT—\$537.84.

Vermont Domestic Miss. Soc., W. C. Tyler, Treas.:	
Bennington, Mrs. G. W. Harman .....	\$5 00
Georgia .....	2 00
Johnson .....	2 00
Saxton's River, Miss G. Magee .....	1 00

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. R. P. Fairbanks, Treas.:	
Barton, A Friend .....	\$5 00
Burlington, First Ch., for Salary Fund .....	45 00
Dorset .....	10 00
Essex Junction, Mrs. M. W. Seaton .....	5 00
Hartford, Ladies .....	10 00
Lowell .....	1 90
Randolph Center, Homeland Circle .....	25 16
Rochester, Mrs. Louisa Martin .....	5 00
St. Johnsbury, North Ch., for Salary Fund .....	25 00
St. Albans .....	13 58
Townshend .....	5 00
Waterbury .....	6 00
Wells River, for Salary Fund .....	12 25
West Brattleboro, L. B. S. .....	5 37

Bennington, Mrs. M. H. Sheldon .....	5 00
Brattleboro, Mrs. C. L. Howe .....	3 20
Bristol, Mrs. F. W. Nash .....	5 00
Brookfield, S. S. Rally of the First, by G. B. J. Hall .....	1 11
Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. C. H. Morse .....	5 00
Burlington, First, by M. H. Stone .....	176 00
Rev. D. Goodhue .....	5 00
Danville, Mrs. U. B. Kittredge .....	1 00
East Poultney, by J. Mears .....	6 00
Fairlee, A Friend .....	2 00
Middlebury, J. C. Houghten .....	10 00
Milton, First, by C. H. Jackson .....	10 09
Mrs. M. J. Jackson .....	1 00
Newport, W. Richmond .....	10 00
North Tunbridge, J. Lyman .....	6 50
Rutland, W. R. Page .....	5 00
St. Johnsbury, "Dec. 25, 1896" .....	50 00
Waitsfield, by Mrs. G. Olmstead .....	16 00
Waterbury, Y. P. S. C. E., by C. C. Palmer .....	15 68
Vermont, A Friend .....	20 00

MASSACHUSETTS — \$8,394.43 ; of which legacies, \$1,835.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas. ....	\$3,000 00
By request of donors, of which \$200 for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor ; Rally, \$12.96 ; Vinita Academy, \$25.91 ; Salary Fund, \$75 .....	1,093 97

Woman's H. M. A., Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas. :	
Easthampton, Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Payson Ch., for Salary Fund .....	\$60 00
Chester, Ladies' Mission Circle of the Second, for Salary Fund .....	12 00
Mt. Holyoke College .....	151 30

223 30

Amherst, South Ch., by J. F. Gleason A Friend .....	12 16
Andover, A Friend .....	15 00
Auburndale, A. S. Cooley .....	10 00
A Friend, a Christmas gift .....	1 00
Friends .....	4 00
Beverly, A Friend, Lane Street Ch. ..	5 00
Boston, Walnut Avenue S. S., by C. T. Barry .....	50 00
A. G. Ives .....	80 00
W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund .....	50 00
Cambridge, E. C. Chickering .....	10 00
Cambridgeport, A Friend .....	2 00
Chester, Mrs. E. C. Kingsbury .....	5 00
Curtisville, by D. H. Newton .....	31 05
Dalton, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. F. H. Cleveland .....	20 00
Danvers, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Page ..	100 00
Dedham, A Friend .....	1 00
Dorchester, Estate of Mrs. E. J. W. Baker, B. E. Hardwick, and H. P. Williams, Exs. ....	100 00
Second, by Miss E. Tolman .....	125 00
Easthampton, Payson Ch., by H. Clark, to const. Mrs. A. J. Lyman, Mrs. S. McKenaghan, Mrs. E. W. Wood, Mrs. W. Freiday, and Miss A. Topliff L. Ms. ....	140 86
East Northfield, Miss A. E. Bird ..	10 00
Falmouth, Thanksgiving offering of Jr. C. E. Soc. Rally, by E. E. Kelley ..	3 50
Franklin, add'l .....	1 00
Gt. Barrington, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by E. M. Pixley .....	6 00
Greenfield, Estate of R. W. Cook .....	100 00
Mrs. M. H. Tyler .....	20 00
E. B. Loomis .....	10 00
Haverhill, Estate of Mary B. Jones, by G. C. Clement .....	1,500 00
Hawley, S. S. Rally, by E. Harmon ..	1 25
Holbrook, Mrs. E. M. Spear .....	100 00
Holyoke, First, by J. H. Wylie, Jr. ...	35 76
Second, by J. N. Hubbard .....	68 89
Ladies' Prayer Circle of the Second, by Mrs. F. H. Chamberlin .....	17 75
Mrs. E. Smith .....	50 00
Huntington, Second, by Rev. W. L. Hendrick .....	12 68
Hyde Park, W. D. Ward .....	5 00
Lawrence, Estate of Mrs. M. T. Benson, by Mrs. A. T. Brewster, Trustee .....	20 00
J. H. Eaton .....	100 00
Massachusetts, T. ....	50 00
Medway, M. G. M. ....	1 00
Middleboro, S. S. of the First, by A. Deane .....	5 00
Millbury, M. D. Garfield .....	10 00
Monson, S. S., by E. F. Morris .....	20 00
Newburyport, Belleville Miss. Soc., by Miss A. E. Wiggan .....	78 00
Newton, Miss I. D. Allen .....	5 00

Newtonville, Mrs. N. Davidson.....	\$10 00	South Ch., Mrs. G. W. Moore, \$10; Mrs. F. R. Foster, \$5; Mrs. C. H. Smith, \$5, by Mrs. G. W. Moore.....	\$20 00
Northampton, Miss A. C. Edwards ..	5 00	New Britain, South Ch., by Miss M. E. Bingham...	11 26
North Adams, Mrs. A. E. Babbitt....	5 00	Mrs. E. E. Guernsey's Dime Bank.....	5 30
North Billerica, Mrs. E. R. Gould.....	10 00	Plainville, by Mrs. E. C. Blakeslee.....	5 00
Palmer, Mrs. C. A. Puffer, by Rev. F. E. Jenkins .....	5 00	Pomfret, by Miss O. Mathewson, for Salary Fund.....	35 00
Mrs. G. H. H.....	2 00	Prospect, Aux., by Mrs. W. H. Phipps.....	15 00
Peabody, L. Mills.....	2 00	Putnam, by Miss Hattie E. Clark, ann. coll.....	36 86
Phillipston, Estate of E. Sawyer, by S. Lee.....	115 00	South Norwalk, by Miss G. H. Benedict, for Salary Fund.....	100 00
Pittsfield, S. S. of the First, by A. A. Mills, for Salary Fund .....	10 00	Terryville, Mrs. K. Gaylord's Dime Bank.....	5 00
H. S. Strong.....	20 00	Torrington, Mrs. H. S. Eldredge, Silver Circle.....	5 00
Rochester, Miss E. F. Leonard.....	4 00	Waregan, Ladies' Soc., by Miss C. L. Fellows.....	4 00
Salem, Tabernacle Ch., by C. R. Washburn.....	100 00		
Saxonville, Edwards Ch., by G. H. Tower.....	24 00		\$342 02
Sharon, Miss E. M. Geissler.....	1 00	Berlin, Second, \$73.50; S. S., \$26.50, by F. L. Wilcox.....	100 00
South Framingham, A Friend in Grace Ch., by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.....	200 00	Bridgeport, Bible School of the Second, by O. H. Brothwell, for Salary Fund.....	50 00
South Hadley, Prof. E. M. Bardwell, Mt. Holyoke College.....	5 00	Bristol, by L. G. Merick.....	76 95
Spencer, Extra-cent-a-day Band, by G. H. Marsh.....	50 00	S. S., by Miss J. E. Beckwith.....	25 00
Springfield, Eastern Avenue Ch., by Mrs. W. M. Ayres.....	7 00	Burrville, Mrs. J. M. Burr.....	5 00
Faith Ch., by W. I. Morse.....	9 41	Canaan, Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by S. W. Adam.....	8 00
Memorial Ch., by H. N. Bowman.....	87 95	Cheshire, H. Gaylord.....	10 00
Miss A. H. Southworth, \$50; H. A. Southworth, \$25.....	75 00	Chester, by Rev. A. Hall.....	9 50
F. A. Moody.....	10 00	Colebrook, A Friend.....	10 00
A Friend.....	100 00	Collinsville, J. R. Andrus, by Rev. J. Tompkins.....	5 00
Stockbridge, "Cash".....	20 00	Columbia, by J. Hutchins.....	15 00
Ware, E. E. Richardson.....	2 00	Mrs. M. L. Fuller.....	1 40
Webster, First, by E. L. Spalding.....	39 04	Constock's Bridge, Miss A. G. Snow, Connecticut, a member of the Silver Circle.....	2 00
Wellesley, In memory of Rev. D. S. Rodman, by Mrs. L. W. Rodman.....	5 00	Three Friends.....	10 00
Westfield, A Friend in First Ch.....	5 00	A Friend.....	20 00
West Newton, Pax, \$1; Susie M., \$2. Pax.....	2 00	Deep River, by L. Kellogg.....	13 70
West Upton, C. H. Bull.....	1 00	Mrs. F. Denison.....	5 00
Williamsburg, by H. W. Hill.....	4 20	Elmwood, N. M. Newton.....	1 00
Woburn, Birthday money from Mrs. Wheeler's S. S. Class in North Ch., \$10; Friends, \$8.....	58 50	Enfield, Gleaners' Mission Circle, by L. E. Abbe.....	25 00
Worcester, Old South Ch.....	18 00	Falls Village, \$12; South Canaan, \$5.33, by Rev. C. W. Shelton.....	17 33
Bethany S. S., by C. H. Hill.....	45 00	Goshen, by Rev. M. Burr.....	38 00
A member of Plymouth Ch., by F. W. Chase.....	5 16	Greens Farms, "A".....	10 00
Miss M. W. Robinson, by Rev. A. Little, D.D.....	2 00	Greenwich, Second, by I. L. Mead... Edward Brush.....	23 92
	10 00	Mrs. A. Bell.....	25 00
		Hartford, Students' Assoc. of the Hartford Theo. Sem., by W. A. Mather.....	5 00
		A Friend, Asylum Hill, by C. E. Thompson.....	66 70
		Miss E. Gaylord.....	30 00
		J. C. Parsons.....	50 00
		M. H. Perkins.....	200 00
		H. P. Stevens.....	10 00
		Mrs. R. Seymour.....	2 00
		"One who would give largely if possible".....	2 00
		Lisbon, by Rev. O. M. Bosworth, in full, to const. Mrs. M. A. Bosworth a L. M.....	11 50
		Lyme, Old Lyme Ch., by W. F. Coult.....	10 00
		Madison, Mrs. J. E. Lewis.....	5 00
		C. E. Soc. E. W. Bishop.....	25 00
		Meriden, First, by H. M. Billard.....	100 00
		Center Ch., by W. F. Smith.....	63 00
		Middlefield, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss L. C. Miller.....	5 00

## RHODE ISLAND—\$123.21.

Central Falls, E. L. Freeman.....	100 00
East Providence, United Ch., by S. P. Sprague.....	3 00
Little Compton, S. S., by Mrs. C. C. Wordell.....	9 21
Providence, An absent member.....	5 00
Slatersville, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. H. Whittaker.....	6 00

## CONNECTICUT—\$5,946.18; of which legacies, \$2,404.65.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.....	419 16
Woman's H. M. Union, Conn., Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.: East Haven, by Mrs. J. Bradley.....	\$19 60
Enfield, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss K. C. Abbe.....	5 00
Hartford, First, Jr. Aux., by Mrs. M. W. Jacobs.....	40 00
Asylum Hill, Miss A. Moore.....	10 00
Friend.....	25 00



Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur..	\$ 0 25
Mrs. T. Gilbert .....	2 00
Milford, First, by G. J. Smith .....	17 38
Monroe, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. R. Lutz .....	9 00
Mystic, by E. Williams .....	18 27
Nepaug, Two Friends .....	8 40
New Britain, "Christmas gift" .....	10 00
New Haven, First, by F. S. Bradley .....	5 00
Ch. of the Redeemer, by R. W. Chapman .....	25 00
Yale College Ch., by B. Ferrin .....	405 00
New Lebanon Mission of Center Ch. Rally, by C. W. Whittlesey .....	20 50
Mrs. H. J. Prudden, \$10; Miss L. E. Prudden, \$10 .....	20 00
A. Scobie .....	2 00
H. F. B. Root .....	5 00
Mrs. S. S. Bronson .....	1 00
M. B. Merwin .....	5 00
B. A. L. ....	3 80
H. S. D. ....	50 00
A Friend .....	50 00
Newington, by E. W. Atwood .....	17 93
New Lebanon, M. Mead .....	5 00
New London, Mrs. B. P. McEwen .....	30 00
New Milford, J. Hine .....	40 00
New Preston Village, Mrs. H. Hoffman, collector, by D. Burnham .....	73 50
Norfolk, by S. A. Selden .....	4 50
"In His Name" .....	10 00
North Cornwall, S. S., by M. P. Rogers .....	4 10
Northford, S. S. Rally, by W. Maltby .....	2 00
Norwalk, "Highwood" .....	20 00
Norwich, Park Ch., add'l. of which \$19.76 for Salary Fund, by H. L. Butts .....	104 60
Buckingham S. S., by F. J. Leavens .....	50 00
Second, A Friend .....	40 00
Mrs. E. A. Huntington .....	5 00
"Y." .....	20 00
Plainville, A Friend .....	2 00
Plymouth, by G. Langdon .....	10 00
Mrs. L. Beach, \$5; E. A. Beach, \$1 .....	6 00
Pomfret, Rally, by Mrs. C. C. Williams .....	18 79
Putnam, Second, by E. F. Whitmore .....	5 00
Second, C. A. Smith, by E. F. Whitmore .....	5 30
Salisbury, A Friend .....	5 00
Shelton, J. Tomlinson .....	25 00
Simsbury, A Friend .....	5 00
Somers, Estate of Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, by C. Barrows, Ex. ....	2,354 65
South Britain, of which \$4.50 from mite boxes, by Miss M. C. Bradley .....	32 92
Southport, S. S., by R. W. Sherwood .....	141 01
Stafford Springs, S. H. Demond .....	5 00
Stonington, Miss J. E. Crandall .....	5 00
Thompson, Bequest of Miss H. W. Dike, by H. W. Dike, Adm. ....	50 00
Torrington, Mrs. L. A. Carpenter, Silver Circle .....	5 00
Unionville, First Ch. of Christ, by J. R. Jenkins .....	100 00
Mrs. M. M. Smith .....	25 00
Warren, Mrs. C. J. Barnum, to const. Miss E. A. Carter a L. M. ....	50 00
West Hartford, First Ch. of Christ, by E. S. Elmer .....	15 71
Whitneyville, by J. M. Payne .....	36 00
Windsor, First, of which from Miss O. Pierson, \$50, by S. H. Barber .....	98 39
Woodbury, S. S. of the North Ch., by W. C. Scott .....	2 50

Denmark .....	\$8 78
Homer .....	19 00
Lakewood .....	3 50
Oseola .....	10 00
Otisco, W. H. M. S. ....	11 00
Plainfield Center, Welsh .....	5 00
Portland, Ch., \$8; S. S., \$10; C. E. Soc., \$3 .....	21 00
Summer Hill .....	10 00
Syracuse, Danforth .....	70 00
Geddes .....	10 75
Good Will .....	15 06
Wilmington .....	3 00
Willborough .....	18 00
Rev. E. Curtis .....	10 00

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:	
Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue, L. B. S. ....	\$50 00
Tompkins Avenue, King's Daughters, for Salary Fund .....	50 00
Buffalo, People's Ch., Silver Circle .....	25 70
Fairport .....	10 00
Homer, Mrs. J. M. Schermerhorn, \$5; Mrs. H. Pierce, \$5; Mrs. J. Stebbins, \$5; Miss I. Beach, \$5 .....	20 00
Honeoye .....	7 00
Ithaca, special, .....	8 00
Oswego .....	5 00
Rochester, South Ch. ....	10 00
Sherburne .....	64 50
Mrs. O. A. Gorton, \$5; Mrs. G. W. Lathrop, \$5 .....	10 00

260 20

Angola, A. H. Ames .....	5 00
Antwerp, S. S., by W. S. Augsbury .....	10 43
Aquebogue, Y. P. S. C. E., by G. L. Wells .....	5 00
Attica, J. H. Loomis .....	50 00
Binghamton, First, by A. D. Sheal .....	85 11
Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue S. S., by P. Palmer, for Salary Fund .....	250 00
Tompkins Avenue, Y. P. S. C. E., by P. Palmer .....	50 00
Beecher Memorial Ch., by Rev. D. B. Pratt .....	31 72
Park Ch., by W. Van Valkenburg .....	8 86
Patchen Avenue Ch., by J. Irving .....	16 43
Puritan Ch., by H. A. W. Goll .....	97 25
Parkville Ch., by Rev. W. A. Kirkwood .....	5 00
Puritan S. S., by A. J. Young .....	19 67
W. C. Wood and L. P. Wood .....	40 00
Mrs. C. M. Hartwell .....	5 00
G. Clark .....	3 00
A Friend .....	10 00
Buffalo, First, by R. K. Strickland .....	50 00
F. C. Squier .....	10 00
Camden, by Rev. E. Evans .....	20 00
Clifton Springs, J. M. Gilman .....	50 00
Miss L. D. Lyman .....	20 00
Crown Point, S. S. of the First, Rally, by Z. K. Townsend .....	8 00
Second, by J. A. Penfield .....	25 00
Danby, Ch., \$6.21; S. S., \$7.50, by L. H. Hollister .....	13 71
Deansboro, Ch., \$15; Y. P. S. C. E., \$4.24, by Rev. C. W. Mason .....	19 24
Fairport, A. M. Loomis .....	10 00
Farmingville, by F. I. Terry .....	2 60
Galway, Mrs. W. B. Smith .....	20 00
Honeoye, by Rev. S. M. Day .....	25 25
Hopkinton, by Rev. F. Hassold .....	22 00
Ithaca, First, by S. D. Sawyer .....	68 75
By S. D. Sawyer .....	2 00
Jamestown, First, by F. R. Moody .....	223 27
Lysander, by W. C. Van Doren .....	11 66

NEW YORK—\$2,349.86.

Received by William Spalding, Treas.:	
Ashville .....	\$3 50
Deer River .....	6 06

Mayville, Mrs. M. E. Fisk.....	\$11 20	Allegheny, First, by Mrs. A. H. Claf- lin.....	\$5 00
Morristown, by J. More.....	9 75	S. M. Youngs.....	2 00
Munnsville, by Dr. S. P. Moore.....	5 30	Braddock, S. S. of the First, by T. Addenbrook.....	6 25
Napoli, S. S., by A. Bliss.....	3 10	East Smithfield, Estate of Lucelia P. Cross, by F. H. Scott, Ex.....	323 36
Newark Valley, by Mrs. H. Winship. E. B. Sykes.....	30 50 1 00	Germantown, First, by S. J. Hum- phreys.....	14 67
New Village, First, by J. B. Gould., New York City, Pilgrim Ch., H. N. Lockwood.....	15 40 100 00	Mrs. H. A. White, Thanksgiving offering.....	10 00
Camp Memorial Ch., by F. E. Francisco, Rally.....	13 37	Irwin, C. L. Palmer.....	10 00
Trinity Ch., by R. Turner.....	10 00	Philadelphia, Central Ch., by W. H. Lambert.....	380 68
R. Turner, Jr.....	2 00	Park Ch., by S. Wareham.....	15 75
Miss S. F. Lincoln.....	5 00	Roxboro, Miss P. Fobes, to const. Miss E. C. Crawford a L. M.....	50 00
Miss A. E. Smith.....	15 00	L. M. Harmon.....	1 00
C. S. B.....	25 00	Mrs. D. M. Pierson.....	3 00
A. S. Cady.....	5 00	A Friend.....	10 00
Mrs. L. E. Wright.....	10 00	Pittsburgh, Puritan, by Rev. J. Ed- wards.....	2 30
Northville, Y. P. S. C. E., by L. Terry, Olean, Ch., of which \$3.80 from Mrs. M. A. Strickland, by Rev. J. H. McKee.....	10 00 6 80	Reading, O. S. Doolittle.....	10 00
Oneonta, L. J. Safford.....	1 00	Ridgway, First, by W. H. Ostenhout. First, by Rev. J. S. Upton.....	81 00 14 00
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Jr. C. E., Bible Readers Home .....	5 00

Lyme, Y. P. M. C., Bible Readers Home .....	\$3 25
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Less expenses. ....	5 89
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Muscatine, Mrs. E. Kirby.....	5 00
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Vine.....	20 00
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Lyndale.....	25 00
Northfield.....	35 98
New York Mills.....	9 25
New Paynesville.....	3 00
Park Rapids.....	7 00
Rochester.....	24 66
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St. Paul, Olivet.....	17 99
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Waseca.....	7 25
Zumbrota.....	14 30

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Oriska.....	3 22

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Vancouver, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. T. W. Butler.....	2 50

## WASHINGTON—\$29.83.

Bellevue, by Rev. A. J. Bailey.....	1 00
Deer Park, \$13.65; Clayton, \$1, by Rev. F. McConaughy.....	14 75
Kalama, First, by Rev. A. R. Johnson	95
Kennewick, by Rev. J. W. H. Lockwood.....	2 03

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS—\$10.00.

C. E. H.....	10 00
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HOME MISSIONARY.....	136 70
	\$97,100 28

Contributions in December, excluding contributions for the debt.....	\$20,941 25
Legacies in December.....	77,086 65
Contributions for the debt in December.....	200 00
Total receipts in December.....	\$98,227 90

## Contributions for the debt to January 1st :

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$87,856 58
Special for debt.....	8,985 61
	\$96,842 19

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Ansonia, Conn., Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. F. L. Gaylord, box	\$60 00	Cromwell, Conn., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Miss Emma T. Savage, box.....	\$40 00
Aurora, Ill., Corban Asso. of New England Ch., by Mrs. D. W. Hurd, barrel	77 00	Denver, Colo., L. A. S. of Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. E. P. Wright, barrel....	75 00
Baltimore, Md., W. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. T. S. Brown, barrel....	60 00	East Andover, N. H., Mrs. P. M. Quimby, barrel.....	
Barre, Vt., Sunday-school, by O. G. Stickney, M.D., three boxes, two packages, and barrel.		Elmira, N. Y., Sewing Soc. of Park Ch., by Mrs. A. Wyckoff, box and cash...	92 02
Berlin Heights, O., L. M. S. of First Ch., by Miss Alice E. Faust, barrel..	42 00	Falls Valley, Conn., by C. W. Hanna, barrel.....	35 00
Branford, Conn., L. A. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. T. S. Devitt, two barrels....	114 48	Fitzwilliam, N. H., by Mrs. A. C. Fay, barrel.....	66 00
Bridgeport, Conn., Ladies' Union of Park St. Ch., by Mrs. C. K. Bishop, box and barrel.....	139 72	Flushing, N. Y., Ladies' Working Soc. of First Ch., by Mary A. Dykes.....	78 00
West End Ch., by Miss C. W. Morehouse, box.....	80 00	Fort Wayne, Ind., Ladies' Soc. of Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. W. H. McGrath, box.....	42 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Clinton Ave. Ch., by M. J. C. McLeod, box.....	200 00	Gloversville, N. Y., by E. M. Hutchinson, box.....	111 79
Young Ladies' Guild of Clinton Ave. Ch., by Hamil C. Woodruff, barrel.		Grafton, Mass., L. B. S. of Evangelical Ch., by H. C. Jewett, barrel.....	130 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of Park Ch., by Miss E. Marie Little, box.....	50 00	Greens Farms, Conn., L. A. S., by Mrs. E. Beers, barrel.....	50 00
Mrs. Dodsworth's Class in Church of the Pilgrims, by Mrs. J. W. Dodsworth, box and cash.		Guilford, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Rev. Fred. E. Snow, barrel..	72 75
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of South Ch., by O. H. Zabriskie, two boxes and Thanksgiving dinner.....	185 00	Hartford, Conn., L. H. M. S. of Pearl St. Ch., by Mrs. H. K. Lee, box....	204 35
Burlington, Vt., L. B. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. C. M. Smith, two barrels..	100 38	A Few Friends, barrel and box.....	100 00
Campton, Conn., Ladies, by Mrs. E. A. Cook, barrel.....	33 00	Hollis, N. H., Junior C. E. Soc., by Miss Minnie A. Bancroft, package....	5 45
Canton, Conn., Collinsville Ch., by Alice R. Williams, two barrels and cash....	155 97	Hopkinton, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Chittenden, box and cash..	55 00
Carthage, Mo., Y. P. S. C. E., by Edna Hoag, box and barrel.....	37 75	Jersey City Heights, N. J., Waverly Ch., by Mrs. O. A. Wessenborn, box.....	30 00
Champaign, Ill., Ladies, by Mrs. C. E. Maltby, barrel.....	50 00	Keene, N. H., H. M. S. of First Ch., by Miss Emma W. Richards, box and barrel.....	89 00
Chester, N. H., Ladies, by Miss H. A. Melvin, barrel.....	50 00	Litchfield, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Fanny E. Coit, box and check.....	109 15
Cincinnati, O., W. H. M. S. of Vine St. Ch., by Mary A. Myers, barrel.....	40 00	Los Angeles, Cal., W. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mary A. Dennis, two boxes and package.....	123 04
Cleveland, O., H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. T. G. Newton, box.....	87 75	Y. I. M. S. of First Ch., by Annie L. Bixby, box.....	65 00
		Lyme, Conn., Old Lyme Ch., by Mrs. J. A. Rowland, barrel.....	43 00

Manchester, N. H., First Ch., by Harriet A. Williams, barrel.....	\$102 42	Plainfield, N. J., Woman's Asso., by Mary A. Ellis, two barrels.....	\$150 00
Meriden, Conn., L. B. S. of First Ch., by Miss Mary J. Benham, barrel, half-barrel, and cash.....	194 90	Redlands, Cal., First Ch., by Mrs. Ella H. Judson, box.....	66 00
Middletown, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. A. R. Crittenden, barrel	110 00	Riverside, Cal., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Miss Maria P. Lyman, barrel.....	80 45
Moline, Ill., Aid and Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. S. M. Atkinson, box, barrel, and cash.....	111 12	Rodman, N. Y., Woman's Miss. Soc., by Mrs. O. R. Cooley, barrel.....	32 32
Montclair, N. J., W. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. Mary A. Horrax, three barrels and package.....	230 41	St. Joseph, Mo., W. M. S. of Tabernacle Ch., by Mrs. H. K. White, box.....	85 00
New Britain, Conn., First Ch., by Emma L. Pickett, two boxes.....	136 22	St. Louis, Mo., W. M. S. of Immanuel Ch., by Mrs. Edith Kottsieper, barrel	
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. S. H. Wood, three boxes.....	276 85	Sherburne, N. Y., W. M. S. of First Ch., by Miss Mary C. Coats, box and draft.....	46 70
Newfane, Vt., Homeland Circle, by Abbie E. Fish, barrel and cash.....	35 12	South Manchester, Conn., L. B. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. A. B. Spencer, barrel.....	65 00
New Haven, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. John G. Lewis, four boxes.....	783 16	Stratford, Conn., L. H. M. Sew. Soc., by Mrs. R. W. Bunnell, box.....	85 00
L. H. M. S. of Ch. of the Redeemer, by Mrs. W. A. Hotchkiss, box.....	90 00	Terryville, Conn., L. B. S., by Mrs. W. H. Scott, barrel.....	80 00
W. H. M. S. of Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. H. G. Newton, box.....	86 67	Thompson, Conn., Ladies of First Ch. of Christ, by Mrs. J. Scott Lewis, two barrels.....	118 67
United Ch., by Sarah E. Champion, two boxes.....	236 52	Torrington, Conn., Ladies' Sewing Soc., by E. M. Durand, box.....	114 38
New Milford, Conn., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. T. A. Johnson, two barrels....	103 50	Torrington, Conn., L. B. S. of Third Ch., by Ida E. F. Burr, barrel.....	94 07
New York City, Hospital Book and Newspaper Soc., two packages.....		Trumbull, Conn., by Mrs. A. G. Beardsley, barrel and freight.....	79 00
North Cornwall, Conn., L. B. S., by Miss H. F. Rogers, barrel.....	79 48	Upper Montclair, N. J., Woman's Miss. and Aid Soc. of Christian Union Ch., by Mrs. Jennie M. Phillips, barrel....	162 00
North Haven, Conn., L. B. S., by Mary W. Eliot, barrel.....	69 82	Walpole, N. H., Ladies, by Mrs. G. I. Bard, barrel.....	60 00
Northwood Center, N. H., Ladies, by Mrs. L. M. Fuller, barrel.....	27 00	Washington, Conn., Homeland Circle, by Mrs. O. Hickox, barrel.....	33 00
Norwich, Conn., L. H. M. S. of Second Ch., by Jennie H. Bushnell, box.....	133 44	Washington, D. C., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. G. J. Cummings, barrel and check.....	125 81
L. H. M. S. of Park Ch., by Louisa G. Lane, box.....		Wellington, O., Ladies' Benev. and H. M. S., by Mrs. E. Wells, Jr., barrel....	34 00
Greenville Ch., by Mrs. E. P. Gardner, two barrels.....	54 00	Wellsville, N. Y., Ladies' Miss. Union, by Mrs. Eliza J. Frisbey, box.....	47 35
Norwich Town, Conn., W. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. Herbert L. Yerrington, box and two barrels.....	225 00	West Brattleboro, Vt., L. B. S., by Miss C. S. Clark, box and barrel.....	76 00
Orange, N. J., Orange Valley Ch., by A. L. Russell, box and barrel.....	175 00	Westchester, N. Y., Mr. William Abbott, package.....	
Philadelphia, Pa., W. H. M. S. of Central Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Denison, two barrels.....	75 00	Westport, Conn., Woman's Beneficent Soc., by Florence A. Wakeman, barrel	102 00
Young Ladies' Guild of Central Ch., by Lillian M. Turner, three barrels and box.....	103 00	Wilton, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. Edward Olmstead, barrel and cash.....	72 00
		Zanesville, O., First Ch., by Mrs. Carlos H. Hanks, barrel.....	32 50

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Woman's Home Missionary Association from July 1 to December 31, 1896. MRS. LOUISE A. KELLOGG, Secretary*

Allston, Aux., by Mrs. Emilie A. Raymond, two boxes.....	\$21 00	Beverly, Washington St. Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. H. A. Simonds, barrel.....	\$60 00
Amherst, L. B. S., by Mrs. O. D. Hunt, box.....	132 00	Boston, Old South Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. Wm. B. Garritt, three barrels.....	312 12
Ashburnham, M. U. A., by Mrs. J. E. Clark, barrel.....	35 00	Park St. Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. E. Smith, three barrels.....	312 51
Ashfield, Ladies, by Mrs. L. J. Williams Hall, \$19.45 and barrel.....	130 45	Shawmut Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. W. H. Richards, barrel.....	150 00
Athol, L. U., by Mrs. A. R. Tower, box and barrel.....	54 40	Union Ch., Ladies, by Miss H. A. Woodbridge, barrel.....	97 14
Auburndale, Ladies, by Mrs. C. S. Cooley, two barrels.....	136 00	Bradford, L. H. M. S., by Mrs. J. H. Bird, barrel.....	37 00
Y. W. M. S., by Miss Susan G. Mosman, box and barrel.....	144 25	Bridgewater, L. C. S. S. S., by Miss Harriet A. Wilbar, box.....	130 31
Barre, L. H. M. S., by Miss Helen C. Knight, box and barrel.....	85 36	Brimfield, Ladies, by Miss Julia T. Brown, barrel.....	36 35
Barrington, R. I. S. W., by Mrs. C. H. Bowden, barrel.....	54 50	Charlemont, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss M. E. Clemens, barrel.....	21 00



Concord, Ladies, by Miss Harriet J. Hubbard, barrel.....	\$74 36	Newtonville, Central Ch., Charity Square, by Mrs. M. H. Binney, two barrels.....	\$108 20
Dalton, Ladies, by Miss Clara L. Crane, barrel and half-barrel.....	181 86	Norfolk, Ladies.....	35 00
Mrs. Weston, Miss Swift, and Miss Mitchell, \$20 and barrel.....	150 00	North Adams, Aux., by Mrs. D. A. Anderson, freight \$20.00, and two barrels.....	275 00
Dorchester, Second Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. J. M. Phipps, two barrels.....	127 86	Northampton, Edwards Ch., Aux., by Mrs. A. F. Kneeland, two barrels.....	215 00
Village Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. F. M. Swan, box.....	119 27	North Brookfield, First Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. E. G. Cutler, barrel.....	111 00
East Orleans, by Mrs. E. J. Rackett, box Fitchburg, Rollstone Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. E. Taylor, barrel.....	48 60	North Middleboro', W. W., by Miss Mabel W. Gibbs, box.....	174 28
Florence, Y. L. M. C., by Miss Martha Whitmarsh, three boxes.....	68 37	Norwood, Aux., by Mrs. D. M. Thompson, two barrels.....	110 00
Franklin, L. B. S., by Mrs. Wm. Rockwood, barrel.....	153 32	Peabody, Aux., by Mrs. T. M. Stimpson, barrel.....	88 88
Georgetown, First Ch., W. M. S., by Mrs. Irene M. Tyler, barrel.....	82 18	Pittsfield, First Ch., F. W. S., by Mrs. Mary B. Davis, three barrels.....	297 02
Great Barrington, L. A. S., by Mrs. M. D. Saxton, barrel.....	45 91	Plymouth, Aux., by Mrs. Harriet E. May, box.....	195 00
Greenfield, Ladies, by Miss Sarah P. Smead, two barrels.....	85 00	Providence, R. I., Beneficent Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Elizabeth W. Olney, box.....	151 51
Groton, S. S., by Supt. G. W. Shattuck, two barrels.....	75 00	Central Ch., Aux., by Mrs. T. B. Stockwell, three boxes.....	472 43
Hardwick, Ladies, by Mrs. Elijah Bridges, barrel.....	41 00	Pilgrim Ch., S. C., by Mrs. C. H. Alexander, two barrels.....	202 95
Hatfield, L. B. S., by Mrs. James Porter, \$10.00 and barrel.....	156 70	Randolph, Aux., by Mrs. H. Maria Mann, barrel.....	60 00
Holbrook, Miss S. J. Holbrook, barrel.....	44 00	Rosindale, Daughters of Rev. E. P. Blodgett, box.....	50 00
Holyoke, First Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. W. S. Gould, barrel.....	93 38	Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Mrs. Mary F. W. Porter, package.....	25 00
Hopkinton, Ladies, by Mrs. S. B. Crooks, two barrels.....	345 00	Walnut Ave., W. H. M. S., package.....	9 00
Housatonic, L. B. S., by Mrs. T. G. Ramsdell, barrel.....	72 77	Rutland, Ladies, by Mrs. L. A. Mason, box.....	15 00
Ipswich, First Ch., Senior and Junior C. E. S., by Miss Anna Louise Warner, barrel.....	58 38	Salem, South Ch., B. A., by Miss S. S. Driver, two barrels.....	166 20
Jamaica Plain, Central Ch., L. S., by Mrs. R. J. Wood, two barrels.....	148 47	Sharon, Ladies, by Miss Emma L. Pettee, barrel.....	100 00
Keene, N. H., Ladies, by Mrs. G. E. Whitney, barrel.....	68 00	Sherborn, Ladies, by Miss E. F. Coolidge, barrel.....	25 40
Lexington, Young Ladies, by Miss Edith Redman, barrel.....	60 00	Shirley, Aux., by Miss Martha J. Hunter, box.....	20 00
Lincoln, L. H. M. S., by Miss Alice M. Peirce, barrel.....	55 00	Somerville, Franklin St. Ch., H. M. B., by Miss Emma M. Moore, two barrels.....	102 92
Littleton, U. W., by Miss Julia S. Conant, barrel.....	43 75	Winter Hill Ch., by Mrs. Emma S. Hayes, barrel.....	61 45
Lowell, High St. Ch., W. M. S., by Miss Clara T. Jackson, three cases.....	94 17	Southboro', H. M. S., by Mrs. L. R. Crouch, barrel.....	51 00
Pawtucket Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. S. G. Leland, two barrels.....	85 00	South Boston, Phillips Ch., Aux., by Mrs. W. H. Lovering, barrel.....	55 00
Lynn, Central Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss A. L. Whitman, barrel.....	76 52	Southbridge, Ladies, by Mrs. E. S. Swift, barrel.....	63 67
Malden, Ladies, by Miss F. A. Odiorne, barrel.....	30 00	South Easton, by Mrs. H. D. Purinton, barrel.....	67 45
Marion, Ladies, by Miss Abbie S. Trevett, barrel.....	53 46	Spencer, Aux., by Mrs. C. O. Tyler, two barrels.....	155 95
Marlboro', L. B. S., by Mrs. W. A. Walker, barrel.....	95 00	Springfield, First Ch., W. H. M. S., and Gleaners, by Mrs. C. A. Graves, two barrels.....	113 11
Medford, Mystic Ch., Aux., by Miss M. S. Clark, barrel.....	127 00	Hope Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. E. H. Cutler, 2 barrels.....	150 00
Middleboro', Mission Circle, by Mrs. M. J. Belden, barrel.....	70 00	Taunton, Broadway Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. G. H. Rhodes, box and barrel.....	71 34
Monson, Ladies, by Mrs. Alice L. Cushman, box.....	25 00	Ware, Miss S. R. Sage's S. S. Class, by Miss M. A. Barlow, barrel.....	95 00
Natick, Aux., by Mrs. M. H. Underwood, barrel.....	73 00	Woman's Circle, by Miss Emma T. Eaton, barrel.....	99 87
Newbury, H. M. S., by Miss A. M. B. Little, barrel.....	115 00	Watertown, Phillips Sewing Society and King's Daughters, by Mrs. M. Fuller, three barrels.....	203 00
Newburyport, Belleville M. S., by Miss A. E. Wiggan, barrel.....	04 01	Wenham, Ladies, by Rev. Arthur N. Ward, barrel.....	35 00
Whitefield Ch., T. M. C., barrel.....	80 94	Westboro', L. S. C., by Mrs. F. E. Corey, barrel.....	95 00
Newport, Aux., by Miss Eliza R. Hammett, box.....	153 86	West Brookfield, Ladies, by Miss Harriet N. Fobes, barrel.....	102 10
Newton, Eliot Ch., Mrs. C. H. Daniels and family, barrel.....	43 00	Westfield, First Ch., L. B. S., by Miss Lucy C. Smith, two barrels.....	365 00
Eliot Ch., Y. L. M. S., by Miss Miriam Trowbridge, box.....	40 00	Westminster, Ladies, by Mrs. M. A. Wood, barrel.....	40 00
Newton Center, Ladies, by Mrs. George E. May, barrel.....	162 00		
Newton, Highlands, Aux., by Mrs. Emily W. Hyde, three barrels.....	131 22		

West Newton, Ladies, by Mrs. J. F. Fuller, two barrels.....	\$170 00	Woburn, L. C. R. S., by Mrs. F. W. Crosby, barrel.....	\$91 25
West Roxbury, L. B. S., by Miss Jessie C. Dennett, box.....	103 07	S. B. S., by Mrs. C. M. Howe, box and barrel.....	74 52
Whitinsville, Ladies, by Miss Lila S. Whitin, box.....	174 32	Worcester, Old South Ch., Ladies, by Miss E. M. Sibley, two barrels.....	164 24
Whitman, Aux., by Mrs. Sarah P. Smith, barrel.....	86 31	Pilgrim Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. E. K. Bancroft, barrel.....	62 22
Winchendon, Ladies, by Mrs. C. C. Parker, box.....	151 22	Plymouth Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. Lou F. Putnam, box and barrel.....	232 50
Winchester, L. W. M. S., by J. P. Boutwell, two barrels.....	110 00		\$12,490 13

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

### NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society from October 1 to December 31, 1896.* HON. L. D. STEVENS, *Treasurer*

Bartlett, Ch. and Soc.....	\$5 60	Lempster, Thank-offering of Mary Anna Smith and Helen Bingham.....	\$2 00
Bath, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Lyndeborough, Ch. and Soc.....	18 50
Bennington, Ch. and Soc., \$4.09; Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.25.....	5 34	Manchester, First, Ch. and Soc., to const. Geo. H. Austin a L. M., \$79.42; S. S., \$27.98; A Member, \$3.00.....	110 40
Boscawen, Ch. and Soc.....	16 95	Marlborough, Ch. and Soc.....	7 71
Campton, income of Mary A. Marsh Estate.....	20 00	Meriden, Legacy of Henry Wills.....	78 22
Candia, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00	Nashua, First, Ch. and Soc.....	88 00
Colebrook, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00	New Hampshire Cent Union.....	6 00
Concord, First, Ch. and Soc., \$50.00; for C. H. M. S., \$257.22; Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S., \$12.00.....	319 22	North Hampton, Ch. and Soc., for C. H. M. S.....	56 50
Contoocook, First, Ch. and Soc.....	13 15	Northwood Center, Ch. and Soc.....	13 00
Croydon, Ch. and Soc.....	11 00	Pelham, Ch. and Soc., \$30.00; for C. H. M. S., \$30.00.....	60 00
East Alstead, Ch. and Soc.....	6 30	Penacook, Legacy of Rev. Abira Fiske, to const. M. A. W. Fiske, Ellen Maria Fiske, Charles Albert Fiske, John Wm. Fiske, and Mary Ann Fiske L. Ms. Plymouth, Mrs. J. F. Draper, for C. H. M. S.....	1 00
East Barrington, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00	Rochester, Ch. and Soc.....	9 57
Exeter, First, Ch. and Soc., \$55.42; Second, Ch. and Soc., \$58.00, and for C. H. M. S., \$100.00.....	213 42	Rye, Ch. and Soc.....	25 00
Franklin, Ch. and Soc., \$27.00; Y. P. S. C. E., \$3.50.....	30 50	Salem, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Gilmanston, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00	Seabrook and Hampton Falls, Ch. and Soc., \$4.00; Boys' and Girls' Home Miss. Army, \$4.00.....	8 00
Gilsum, Boys' and Girls' Miss. Army, \$2.44; Ch. and Soc., \$2.00; S. S., \$11.18.....	15 62	Somersworth, First, Ch. and Soc., for C. H. M. S.....	16 00
Greenfield, Ch. and Soc., for C. H. M. S. Hampstead, bal. of Legacy of Ann M. Howard.....	15 00	South Merrimack, Ch. and Soc.....	10 20
Hanover, Cong. Ch. at Dartmouth College.....	143 46	Stratham, Ch. and Soc.....	16 70
Hill, Ch. and Soc.....	155 50	Union, Ch. and Soc.....	5 00
Hillsborough Bridge, M. J. Dutton, for C. H. M. S.....	50 00	Westmoreland, Ch. and Soc.....	8 50
Hollis, Ch. and Soc.....	1 00	West Stewartstown, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Jaffrey, Ch. and Soc.....	15 00	Wilton, Legacy of Mary C. Pettengill, in part.....	150 00
Jaffrey, Ch. and Soc.....	10 00		
Kingston, Ch. and Soc.....	12 35		

### VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from November 20 to December 20, 1896.* WM. C. TYLER, *Treasurer*

Bennington, Mrs. G. W. Harman, for C. H. M. S.....	\$5 00	Hardwick, East.....	\$23 36
Cornwall.....	7 36	Irasburg.....	35 07
Coventry, "K".....	5 00	Montpelier, Bethany Church.....	7 00
Craftsbury, North.....	5 00	Newport, First Church.....	25 00
Franklin, First Church.....	13 53	Pawlet.....	8 00
Georgia, for C. H. M. S.....	2 00	Post Mills, Mrs. Frances L. Dodge.....	3 00
		Randolph Center, First Church.....	6 00

Randolph Center, S. S. ....	\$5 00	Sharon.....	\$8 80
West, First Church, Hannah Wood fund.....	12 22	Wilmington.....	5 00
Rutland.....	50 00	Vermont Missionary .....	35 38
Saxton's River, Miss Georgia Magee, for C. H. M. S. ....	1 00	W. H. M. U.....	25 00
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## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in December, 1896.* REV.  
EDWIN B. PALMER, *Treasurer*

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor:		Cambridge, Anonymous.....	\$1 00
Boston, Dewing, Benj. F. ....	\$100 00	Prospect St., Sunday-school, for Vin- ita Acad., by A. L. Merrill.....	25 91
Framingham, Plymouth Ch., in memory of Mrs. E. B. Mann.....	100 00	Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook.....	22 26
Holliston, Burnap, Mrs. E. S., one quarter-share.....	25 00	Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. S. H. Dow	10 00
	\$225 00	Canton, by Rev. M. B. Taylor.....	115 43
Acton, Evan. Sunday-school, by Rev. F. P. Wood.....	7 00	Chelsea, First, by C. A. Bacon.....	71 50
South, by William F. Hale.....	10 45	Chester, First, S. S. Rally gift, by Rev. E. C. Haynes.....	1 36
Agawam, Second, by R. De Witt.....	12 00	Second, by E. O. Redfield.....	7 26
Amesbury, Union Evan., by John T. Bassett.....	7 50	Chicopee, Third, S. S., by William H. Ordway.....	3 82
Amherst, North, by E. H. Dickinson (\$50 of wh. to const. Mrs. Edwin H. Dickinson a L. M. of C. H. M. S.)....	89 69	Clinton, Parkhurst, Mrs. G. B., Christ- mas offering.....	3 00
Andover Chapel, by Warren F. Draper	75 00	Cohasset, Second, by P. Bates.....	40 80
Ashland, by Edwin Perry.....	15 00	Concord, Trinitarian, by T. Todd.....	15 77
Auburn, Y. P. S. C. E., by Lizzie P. Stone.....	10 00	Misses Mary and Eliza Munroe, by T. Todd.....	10 00
Bank Balances, Nov. interest on	8 34	Cummington, by Miss Fannie M. Porter	20 00
Barnstable, Hyannis, by Miss Rosie C. Bearse.....	7 00	Dalton, First, by W. E. Barton, to const. Mrs. Isaac E. Averill, Jesse T. Gage, Chester B. Scudder, and Geo. R. Judd	
Barre, by Abner R. Mott.....	148 50	L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	219 15
Blackstone, Church, \$16.51; Sunday-school, \$2.00; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.00, by C. H. Lee.....	20 51	Dana, by N. L. Johnson.....	10 00
Boston, A Friend.....	1 00	Danvers, First, Ladies' Benev. Society, by Miss M. P. Grover.....	10 00
A Friend, "W." special.....	50 00	Maple Street.....	40 00
Allston, by I. G. Wheeler.....	138 04	Rally Service, by Rev. E. C. Ewing	12 96
Barnes, Mrs. Ellen J.....	2 00	Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Isabel B. Tapley.....	15 00
Dorchester, Central, by D. McCurdy	40 24	Dedham, Islington, by Rev. W. F. Bickford.....	5 50
Second, by Miss E. Tolman, for local Armenian work.....	15 00	Dover, by J. W. Higgins.....	10 00
E. c. a-day Band, by Miss E. F. Merrill.....	10 00	Easthampton, First, by W. H. Wright	90 07
Village, A Friend, "H.".....	1 00	East St., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss A. J. Parsons.....	13 00
Old South, by Joseph H. Gray.....	910 00	Y. P. S. C. E., by W. H. Wright, Ch. Treas., Special.....	4 19
Special for local Armenian work.....	25 00	Enfield, by Lyman D. Potter.....	31 75
Park St., by E. H. McGuire.....	46 15	Fall River, Central, by R. B. Borden (of wh. \$85 special).....	129 83
Roslindale, by Rev. R. B. Grover.....	67 05	Fitchburg, Rollstone, Y. P. S. C. E., by S. H. Lowe.....	5 00
Roxbury, Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward.....	7 00	Framingham, Plymouth, by John H. Temple.....	91 95
Shawmut, by D. E. Partridge.....	242 00	Saxonville, Edwards, Mission Band, by F. A. Dearden.....	19 00
South, Phillips, by H. C. Bird.....	135 00	Frost, Rufus S., fund, Income of.....	11 18
Swedish Ch., by Rev. P. Vincentius	6 11	Goshen, by C. N. Shaw.....	10 14
Bridgewater, Central Square, by A. G. Boyden.....	49 00	Granby, by Rev. R. C. Bell, Ch., \$15; S. S., \$30.....	45 00
King's Daughters, by A. G. Boyden.....	14 35	Great Barrington, First, by Clarence R. Sabin.....	80 26
Sunday-school, by A. G. Boyden.....	10 00	Housatonic S. S., by Miss Anna R. Turner.....	20 58
Scotland, by Mrs. S. O. Keith.....	4 36	Greenfield, Second, by Miss Lucy A. Sparhawk.....	79 87
Brockton, Campello, South, by Frank Mills, w. p. g. to const. Mrs. Sarah W. Parks, Albert W. Gibbs, and Harold C. Childs L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	83 45	S. S., by K. T. Slate.....	15 00
Sunday-school, by Arthur M. Keith "J.".....	18 34	Greenwich, Village, by W. H. Glazier.....	13 50
Brookfield, by J. M. Grover.....	25 00	Gurney, R. C., fund, Income of.....	26 56
Brookline, Harvard, by Jas. H. Shapleigh.....	106 08	Hadley, First, by J. N. Pierce.....	16 00
Special for Italian Mission.....	31 83	Hale, E. J. M., fund, Income of.....	27 48
Leyden, by G. E. Adams.....	100 00	Hanover, Second, by A. M. Barstow.....	1 50
Rutan, Chas. H.....	50 00	Hanson, by I. C. Howland, Ch., \$9.84; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.61.....	12 45



Harwich, Y. P. S. C. E., by Annie P. Smith.....	\$5 00	Rowley, by Woodbury Smith.....	\$23 72
Hatfield, by Alpheus Cowles.....	42 53	Salem, Barrows, Mrs. M. H.....	4 00
Haverhill, Fourth, by Rev. Geo. L. Gleason.....	12 31	Fletcher, Mrs. A. J.....	1 00
North, by E. G. Frothingham, for local French Ch.....	41 70	South, by Joseph A. Dane.....	183 59
Riverside, by Rev. Geo. L. Gleason.....	11 00	Saugus, by John E. Stocker.....	39 14
Hawley, by Rev. J. A. Pogue.....	16 78	Shelburne Falls, A Friend.....	2 00
Hingham, Evan., by Mrs. Chas. Bates.....	6 50	Shirley, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mary A. Park.....	6 32
Hopkinton, A Friend, by J. D. Stewart.....	2 00	Shrewsbury, by Henry Harlow.....	20 00
Howe St., Chicago, Ill., mort. note, Int. Huntingdon, Second, Children's Concert, by W. L. Hendrick.....	45 00	Somerville, Franklin St., by Geo. E. Dustin.....	26 37
Hyde Park, by E. A. Runnells.....	3 83	Springfield, Olivet S. S., by C. W. Burnett.....	20 00
Clarendon, by John Holden.....	38 57	Sterling, by Rev. Geo. H. Pratt.....	30 07
Ipswich, First, S. S., by Miss Abbie L. Newman.....	27 20	Stockbridge, S. S., by Clarence H. Perry.....	6 55
Linebrook, add'l, by J. H. Tenney.....	8 00	Sunderland, Rally Service, by W. L. Hubbard.....	27 08
Lawrence, Riverside, by Rev. H. E. Oxnard.....	6 00	Taunton, Trinitarian, by Geo. M. Woodward, to const. H. W. Horrub, David G. Wilbur, F. E. Austin, Mrs. Amanda Belyea, Mrs. Mary E. Chase, Mrs. Sarah A. Morris, and Miss Nancy B. Rhodes L. Ms.....	216 58
Lee, Ch., \$594.00; S. S., \$30.00, by Wm. J. Bartlett.....	624 00	Upton, First, by A. Wiswall, Taft thank-offering.....	23 50
Lenox, by E. C. Carter.....	31 83	Wall fund, Income.....	22 38
Leverett, Moore's Corner, by J. W. Watson.....	7 00	Waltham, Trinitarian, by T. W. Temple A Member, special.....	10 00
Lexington, Walker, Mrs. John.....	5 00	Ladies' Benev. Society, by Mrs. L. E. Wilson, special.....	25 00
Littleton, Orth., by John S. Hartwell, special.....	25 00	Wellesley, Friends in, by Miss Nathalie Lord, special.....	30 00
Lowell, A. B. S.....	5 00	Hills, by L. V. N. Peck.....	55 00
Eliot, Collection at ordination of Rev. A. Solberg, by J. A. Howard.....	17 71	Wellfleet, South, by Winslow Paine.....	35 00
French Prot. Ch., by Rev. T. G. A. Côté.....	25 05	Westboro, Evan., by Harriet E. Brigham Life member, Christmas offering.....	5 00
Malden, Linden, by William Gray.....	14 28	West Boylston, by E. B. Rice.....	12 01
Manchester, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. F. A. Fate.....	15 00	West Brookfield, by Edwin Wilbur.....	2 00
Marblehead, First, by N. P. Sanborn.....	66 00	West Springfield, Park St., by Samuel Smith.....	25 28
Marlboro, Patch, Mrs. Lucy A.....	1 00	West Tisbury, by Ulysses E. Mayhew.....	58 25
Marshfield, First, by H. B. Sprague.....	123 46	Weymouth, East, by Mrs. C. B. Cushing.....	27 13
Medford, Mystic, Christmas offering, by J. McPherson.....	15 00	South, Old South, by Rev. H. C. Alvord.....	10 00
Friends in, by J. McPherson.....	8 00	Whitcomb, David, fund, Income of.....	50 00
Medway, West, Second, by Jas. M. Fales.....	12 00	Williamstown, First, by Chas. S. Cole.....	32 00
Melrose, Highlands, by Chas. S. Newhall.....	34 30	White Oaks, by Rev. G. V. Stryker.....	274 45
Leavitt, Rev. B. F., converted Christmas gifts.....	25 00	Winchendon, First, by Sarah M. Rice.....	74 93
Millbury, Putnam, Mrs. Geo. A.....	5 00	North, by H. S. Allen.....	5 07
Montague, by Sanford Marsh.....	40 00	Winchester, First, S. S., by E. H. Rice, to pay salary of Rev. Daniel Staver, of Forest Grove, Oregon, in part.....	30 00
Natick, South, by M. V. B. Bartlett.....	16 95	Wollaston, by E. L. Robbins.....	140 00
Needham, First, by W. F. Snow.....	34 77	Worcester, Central, by G. W. Mackintire.....	75 00
Newbury, Byfield, South, by A. C. Poor First, Member.....	12 00	Hope, by Mrs. Emma G. Hall.....	37 82
Two-cent-a-week Offering, by H. J. Leigh.....	5 00	Piedmont, Austin, Mrs., by Rev. E. Horr, D.D.....	150 00
Newburyport, North, by J. B. Creasey.....	6 30	Pilgrim, by F. L. Stetson.....	32 00
Newton, Auburndale, by C. C. Burr.....	15 63	Plymouth, by F. W. Chase.....	10 00
Newtonville, by E. W. Greene.....	10 00	Yarmouth, West, by Miss Abbie B. Crowell.....	57 94
(West), Second, by J. J. Eddy.....	244 10		3 00
Northampton, First, by J. H. Searle.....	240 98	Woman's Home Missionary Association, by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.: Boston, Roxbury, Wal. Ave. Aux., towards salary of Rev. S. Deakin.....	\$4 00
North Andover, by Frank W. Frisbee.....	308 00	Goodell, Mrs. C. L.....	25 00
Oakham, by William S. Crawford.....	61 80	Brookline, Harvard, Ladies' Christmas offering for salaries in arrears.....	40 00
Palmer, Second, by J. H. Tuthill.....	62 00	Cambridge, First, Aux., "Friend," for arrears of salaries.....	20 00
Phillipston, by Mrs. T. H. Chaffin.....	33 50	Cambridgeport, Hidden, Mrs. M. E., for arrears.....	10 00
Plympton, by Edmund Perkins.....	7 76	Williamsburg, James, Mrs. H. E., for arrears.....	50 00
Quincy Point, Washington St., by Miss Amey F. Newcomb.....	2 05		140 00
Randolph, special.....	7 00		\$9,481 67
Ranham, First, by Joseph W. White.....	500 00		14 95
North, by Rev. S. K. B. Perkins.....	17 65		\$9,496 62
Reading, by Dean Peabody.....	2 00		
Readville, Rice, Geo. L.....	47 50		
Reed, Dwight, Fund, Income of.....	5 00		
Richmond, by C. H. Dorr.....	44 76		
Rochester, First, by Geo. B. Haskell.....	14 71		
Rockland, Friends in, for Rev. C. L. Hall, Fort Berthold, No. Dak.....	12 00		
Rockport, First, by Zeno A. Appleton.....	15 00		
Pastor's S. S. Class, by Rev. I. Ainsworth, to const. Henry C. Davis a L. M.....	16 85		
Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Amanda M. Hutchins.....	30 00		
	10 00		



## RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society from October 1 to December 31, 1896. JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, Treasurer*

Central Falls.....	\$105 04	Plymouth Ch.....	\$12 50
Chepachet.....	19 08	Swedish Free.....	15 00
Crompton, Swedish Free.....	5 00	Union Ch., S. S.....	65 99
East Providence, Newman Ch.....	60 00	River Point.....	10 00
Howard, Franklin Ch.....	3 00	Slatersville.....	13 75
Luther's Corner.....	5 00	Thornton, Ch.....	5 00
Newport, United Ch.....	36 57	Westerly, Pawcatuck Ch.....	20 00
Peacedale.....	56 14	Wood River Junction.....	5 00
Providence, Central Ch.....	160 00	Interest.....	39 79

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in December, 1896. WARD W. JACOBS, Treasurer*

Abington, see Pomfret.		New Preston Hill, see Washington.	
Bridgport, King's Highway, by F. W. Storrs.....	\$6 72	North Greenwich, see Greenwich.	
Bridgewater, by Mrs. A. J. Bennitt.....	17 00	North Haven, by Whitney Elliott.....	\$140 00
Canton Center, by W. G. Hallock.....	11 00	Norwich, Broadway, by F. J. Leavens.	543 79
Columbia, by Joseph Hutchins.....	15 15	Park, by H. L. Butts.....	49 44
Danielson, see Killingly.		Swedish, by Rev. A. Abrahamson.....	2 00
East Haddam, First, by E. W. Chaffee.	5 57	Orange, West Haven, S. S., by W. H. Moulthrop.....	25 00
East Windsor, First, by F. G. Morton.	10 95	By Rev. S. J. Bryant.....	32 50
Greenwich, North Greenwich, by B. Close.....	10 65	Plainfield, First, by Milton J. Kingsley.	7 50
Glastonbury, South Glastonbury, Ch. and S. S., by H. D. Hale.....	7 61	Pomfret, Abington, by Rev. E. B. Pike, personal, for C. H. M. S.....	3 00
Special, for debt of C. H. M. S.....	16 50	Poquonock, see Windsor.	
Hamden, Whitneyville, Jun. Endeavor Soc., by Mrs. C. F. Clarke.....	75	Redding, by J. B. Sanford.....	25 66
Hartford, First, by C. T. Welles.....	226 55	Scotland, by Rev. Henry B. Mead.....	19 00
For C. H. M. S.....	90 71	Shelton, see Huntington.	
"Thank-offering, from Woman's Prayer Meeting," for C. H. M. S.....	40 00	Sherman, by M. G. Gelston.....	26 36
Hartford, Asylum Hill, by Charles E. Thompson.....	10 00	Somers, Somersville, by H. L. James, for C. H. M. S.....	4 60
Hartland, West Hartland, by A. A. Newton.....	5 00	Somersville, see Somers.	
Huntington, Shelton, by George E. Mitchell.....	52 53	South Glastonbury, see Glastonbury.	
S. S., by George F. Cook.....	25 00	Talcottville, see Vernon.	
Kent, First, by George R. Bull.....	8 00	Vernon, Talcottville, by M. H. Talcott.	100 00
Killingly, Danielson, by Charles Phillips.....	28 47	For C. H. M. S.....	244 35
For C. H. M. S.....	61 34	Washington, New Preston Hill, by W. L. Birkins, for C. H. M. S.....	20 00
Litchfield, First, special for C. H. M. S., by Miss C. B. Kenney.....	58 50	Waterbury, Second, by B. G. Bryan.....	605 50
Litchfield, Milton, by Rev. W. E. Page.	7 00	Y. P. S. C. E., by George L. Riggs ..	35 00
Madison, First, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. Charlotte A. Gallup.....	22 00	Whitneyville, see Hamden.	
Meriden, First, by H. M. Billard.....	52 90	Windsor, Poquonock, by L. R. Lord...	31 71
Center, by Wilbur F. Smith.....	25 00	West Hartland, see Hartland.	
First, Mrs. W. H. Catlin.....	25 00	West Haven, see Orange.	
Mr. W. H. Catlin.....	15 00	Woodbury, First, by J. H. Linsley.....	14 75
Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur.....	36 73	W. C. H. M. U. of Conn., Mrs. George Follett, Secretary:	
Milton, see Litchfield.		Hartford, First, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, special, for family of Rev. S. K. Didriksen, of Danish Ch., Hartford.....	10 00
New Britain, First, by A. M. Lewis.....	20 20	Mrs. George Bradford, of Southbridge, Mass.....	5 00
South, by P. M. Bronson, to const. George W. Andrew and George S. Talcott L. Ms.....	363 27		\$3,232 49
New Haven, Taylor, by J. E. Leighton.	2 25		
Emanuel, Swedish, by Rev. C. J. Ledin.....	10 00		

## BOXES

Madison, First, "The Ladies' Charitable Society," box.....	\$28 70
Thompson, package.....	15 30

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in December, 1896. REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, Treasurer

Addison.....	\$5 00	Wayland.....	\$4 25
Armada.....	21 07	Williamston.....	3 85
S. S.....	7 00	Wolverine.....	20 00
Bay Mills.....	1 09	Ypsilanti.....	19 50
Bay City, S. S.....	5 00	Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Benzonia, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Rev. James Vincent, Tecumseh.....	10 00
Bradley.....	5 70	Rev. A. N. McConoughey, Caro.....	10 00
Breckenridge.....	4 00	A Friend.....	40 00
Carmel.....	2 70	Pulpit Supply.....	1 60
Charlotte.....	35 00	Two notes of \$500 each from "Anony-	
Chase.....	7 50	mous," maturing July 1, 1899.....	1,000 00
Cheboygan.....	3 61	W. H. M. U. of Michigan, per Mrs. E.	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	F. Grabill, Treas.....	612 24
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00		\$3,490 25
Chelsea.....	40 35		
Clinton.....	5 00	Receipts of W. H. M. U. of Michigan,	
Crystal.....	7 50	for State work, in December, 1896,	
Delta.....	2 50	Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas.:	
Detroit, First.....	356 12		
Jr. C. E.....	10 00	SENIOR FUND	
Eaton Rapids, S. S.....	3 55	Allegan, W. M. S., of which \$5.31 is	
Fisher's Station.....	1 00	Thank-offering.....	\$11 20
Freeport.....	6 00	Bangor, W. M. S.....	1 80
Fruitport.....	8 38	Bay City, W. S.....	12 00
Galesburg.....	14 00	Benton Harbor, W. M. U.....	4 25
Grand Blanc.....	32 00	Benzonia, W. H. M. S.....	7 60
Grand Haven.....	25 00	Breckenridge, W. H. M. U.....	1 50
Grand Junction.....	7 10	Bridgman, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Grand Rapids, Second.....	10 00	Charlotte, L. B. S.....	25 00
Smith Mem.....	1 33	Chelsea, W. M. S.....	3 55
Barker Mem.....	1 00	Coloma, W. H. M. S.....	14 10
Grandville.....	3 25	Dexter, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Greenville.....	48 45	Flint, W. H. M. S.....	10 75
Hancock.....	25 00	Frankfort, W. H. M. Union.....	10 00
Hartland.....	5 67	Grand Rapids, Park Ch, W. H. M.	
Helena.....	2 65	U.....	100 00
Hersey.....	0 00	Smith Memorial Ch., W. M. S.....	5 60
Hudson.....	40 35	South Ch., W. M. S.....	5 00
Jackson, First.....	273 15	Grape, W. H. M. S.....	7 00
Plymouth, S. S.....	6 43	Hancock, W. M. S.....	25 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 40	Harrison, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Kalamazoo, First, E. Maria Knapp.....	20 00	Hudson, W. M. S.....	2 50
East Side, Avails of property.....	100 80	Jackson, First, W. H. M. S.....	50 00
Kalamo.....	0 00	Kendall, W. H. M. S.....	5 20
Lake Odessa.....	5 00	Lake Linden, W. M. S.....	10 00
Lakeview.....	3 35	Lake Odessa, W. H. M. S.....	15 00
Lamont.....	10 00	Lamont, W. H. M. S.....	3 75
Lansing, Plymouth.....	111 48	Lansing, Plymouth Ch., W. H. M. U.....	14 66
Pilgrim.....	26 57	Manistee, W. H. M. S.....	36 65
Mayflower.....	1 25	Morenci, W. M. S.....	5 00
Lerov.....	5 00	Muskegon, First, W. M. S.....	25 00
Manistee.....	21 00	North Adams, W. H. M. S.....	18 50
Millett's.....	70	Rochester, W. M. S.....	5 00
Muskegon, First.....	40 50	Salem, Second, W. H. M. S.....	11 00
Newaygo, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 55	Somerset, W. M. S.....	8 00
New Baltimore.....	3 00	Stockbridge, Mrs. E. W. Woodward.....	5 00
Northport, S. S.....	1 00	Three Oaks, W. M. S.....	8 13
Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 38	Traverse City, W. H. M. S.....	25 00
Oxford.....	10 00	Ypsilanti.....	14 00
Pinckney.....	12 55		\$521 14
Pine Grove.....	54	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND	
Pittsford.....	2 50	Cheboygan, S. S.....	\$3 00
Port Huron, First.....	101 78	Detroit, First, Y. W. Guild.....	25 00
Rapid River.....	3 26	Lansing, Plymouth, Y. W.	
Rosedale.....	30	Guild.....	25 00
Saginaw.....	65 00	Junior Endeavorers.....	3 50
St. John's.....	43 15	Muskegon, Children's Band	
Salem, First.....	20 00	and Junior Endeavorers.....	5 00
Second.....	13 66	North Adams, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50
Shelby, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Watervliet, S. S., contents	
Sherman.....	3 00	of Birthday box for 1896.....	7 00
Trout Creek.....	3 60	Ypsilanti, S. S.....	6 50
Vanderbilt.....	5 00		
Vestaburg.....	1 22		77 50
Vicksburg, Friends.....	11 45		\$598 64

## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804  
and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA- TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

#### 7. KANSAS

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St.,  
Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

#### 8. OHIO

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, 513 The Ellington,  
Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
St., Toledo.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St., Syracuse.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. E. Smith, Madison.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President*, Mrs. N. M. Lander, Wahpeton.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President*, Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No. Portland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Portland.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President*, Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St., Tacoma.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street, Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President*, Mrs. C. E. Corry, Columbia.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. B. H. Burt, Huron.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President*, Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New Britain.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St., Hartford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St., Kansas City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave., Kansas City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave., Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Isaac Claflin, Lombard.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President*, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Belle L. Bentley, 300 Court Ave., Des Moines.

## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President*, Mrs. E. S. Williams, 572 12th St., Oakland.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St., Oakland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St., Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

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## NOTES OF LONG SERVICE IN COLORADO

BY REV. ROSELLE T. CROSS, YORK, NEBRASKA

XX. (and last).—CALLED FURTHER EAST.—COLORADO REVISITED

NE morning, just as the writer and his family were about starting for a two or three weeks' rest in the mountains, a letter unexpectedly came asking if he would consider a call to a suburban church in the metropolis of the Northwest. To several such letters from other places in preceding years he had given a prompt negative, but circumstances were such now that he said, "Yes, I will consider it."

While camping out he thought and prayed over it, counted and weighed the pros and cons as he was wont to do, and finally concluded that he could do more good in a new field, while a new man could probably do more good in his present place. He had called the church and watched over it through more than eight years. It was his child and a child of many prayers. It was hard to leave it and to leave the many loved brethren in the city and State with whom he had worked so many years for the New West. It was with great regret that he and his family left that sunny climate and those magnificent mountains which they had learned to love so well. He had received about 280 into the church and left it with a membership of about 180. Before leaving he helped the committee to secure a successor, whose hard work as Home Missionary in the mountains and great success in revival work in the East seemed to point him out as the right man to take up the work. He also helped to dedicate a new church building for the mission which he had watched over in its infancy, and also to start the *tenth* church of our order in the city.

The time came to say "good-by." The church had been crowded to hear a farewell sermon and also at a farewell reception. The night before they were to leave, when nearly everything was packed and every-

thing else was in confusion, two separate couples came in to be married. The next night at dark all were ready to go to the depot. Wraps were on; friends and neighbors were saying good-by, and in a few minutes they were to take the street car. The doctor came in and looked at the eldest boy's throat. He had been complaining during the day, but his parents had been so busy that they had hardly noticed it until night. Now it was discovered that he had diphtheritic symptoms. To go or not to go? It must be decided very quickly. The goods had been shipped and were on the way. The trunks were at the depot, all checked. But to go and expose others, and possibly to be put off among strangers, was not to be thought of. And so in the empty house, with such furniture and bedding as friends loaned them, the father and mother and sick child camped, the other two children going to a sister's house. Neighbors were kind and sympathetic, but naturally were afraid of the disease. Day after day and night after night the parents watched with the sick boy, while his sister and brother and cousins came almost daily with notes which they left on the porch, or kisses thrown through the window to the bloodless lips of the sick child. The parents remembered the experience through which they had come to Colorado, and they prayed earnestly that the experience might not be repeated.

One day, when it was doubtful whether the boy would recover, his father asked him which he would rather do, if he could have his choice, go home to heaven and see his two brothers there, or go to the new home further East. The boy had anticipated much pleasure in going to the new home and in meeting many relatives and friends whom he had never seen, and he hesitated, evidently thinking that perhaps he ought to say that he would rather go to heaven. But he honestly said that on the whole he would rather go to the new earthly home. And his father could not help feeling the same way, concerning both the child and himself. Prayer and medical skill again prevailed, as they had for the same child when he was a babe. The younger boy, who had been born in Denver, was sick one night. His father watched and prayed by him all night, but he did not have the diphtheria.

In two weeks it was thought safe to start. As the train glided out of the city that moonlight night the parents saw from the car window the many white stones and granite shafts in the beautiful cemetery where they had officiated so often in burying the dead. Their hearts were full; their eyes filled with tears of grateful joy because their boy was with them in the car and not out there in the cold ground. The father had not cared to take another church in a city. He preferred the quiet of a country field. He felt that for a while at least he could enjoy a country parish, many miles from the railroad. His wife felt differently. When they reached their new field they were both satisfied. It was in the city limits



and at the end of a street-car line, yet it was in the woods and among the hills and in a sparsely settled section. The outlook from the study in the church was upon forests and fields. The people were pleasant and cordial. It was a country parish in the city. But the pastor missed the mountain view upon which he had gazed for years, and ever and anon there flitted through his mind visions of the boundless plains and snow-covered mountains, of wild gorges and flower-covered parks, of mining towns, and of the Queen City of the Plains in which he had tried to do faithful work for his Master.

Nearly two years of happy and fruitful work on the new field passed, and then the way opened for him to revisit "the Centennial State." There had been many changes and constant growth in those two years. Two more churches had been organized in Denver and four church buildings erected.

Is there any pleasanter experience for a hard-working, conscientious minister, who has tried to please God rather than man, than to go back after a few years' absence to a field where with many obstacles and difficulties he has worked hard for years, and there be greeted with a crowded house, with the warmest hospitality, and to hear only the kindest things said of him and his work? Disagreeable experiences, if there were any, seem to sink out of sight and be forgotten, or remembered with no bitterness. What joy in finding one's converts standing fast and becoming pillars in the church, and in seeing the children whom you prayed for growing into a vigorous Christian manhood and womanhood! The returning pastor had much of this joy on his visit, and it greatly cheered him. Just before the morning service in his old church at Denver a prominent railroad official, and his wife who was a member of the church, stepped forward with their babe whom they wanted their old pastor to baptize, because he had baptized their other children. That evening, in another part of the city, he was requested to baptize the child of another former church member, because he had married the father and mother. Three days later he found one of his old families in the mountains, and they, too, had a child, a boy six years old, whom they wanted their old pastor to baptize.

On his first field in Colorado the Second Church had been organized and a fine building erected. Visiting its large Sunday-school, he was affected almost to tears to see thus realized one of the dreams of his ministry in that place years before. Going to his old church and slipping quietly into a back pew in the new forty-thousand-dollar edifice, he greatly enjoyed the service and the sermon by a stranger, but somehow it was strangely interwoven in his mind with manifold memories of the past.

He learned that there was a church and a church building at his old out-station on the Divide, which was now a railroad station. At Manitou

he found the church which he had organized at another out-station, twelve years before, growing so fast that it had just enlarged its stone edifice. At Pueblo the church which he had prayed for before its birth, when he was sleeping on the prairie one night, had built a costly edifice, as had also another church started in that same city.

Taking a thousand-mile trip through the mountains, he saw or heard of prosperity and growth on fields for which he had often prayed and to whose churches he had contributed. From the car window he saw the spire of the church building that was a home for the increased company of Christians whose beginning had been in opposition to the infidel lecture [Home Missionary for December, 1895, page 394], and he learned with joy of an association of twelve churches in that distant part of Colorado!

The growth had not been so great absolutely, though it had relatively, as in some other Western States. There were now fifty-two churches in place of half a dozen or so which he found there fifteen years before. The increase of members had been from about 300 to more than 3,000; of Sunday-schools, from six or seven to about ninety; of Sunday-school scholars, from less than 400 to between 6,000 and 7,000; and there had been a corresponding growth in other things. These figures do not include the work that had grown from nothing, or nearly so, in the surrounding States and Territories.

Looking back on the past, which so lately had been the impenetrable future, and looking into the future as far as human reason could look, the writer felt profoundly grateful that the Lord had led him to that frontier home missionary field in those early days to have a part, however small, in the work of laying foundations and in the growth of Christ's Kingdom in that growing part of our great country.



## WORK IN ARIZONA

HERE ends the fourth year of my work in Nogales, and I enter upon the fifth from decided vantage ground. When I was considering the question of undertaking the work here Superintendent Hood said to me, "It is of no use for a man to go to Nogales for a year. It is a field that requires persistent and continued work to accomplish anything." I have had abundant opportunity to verify the wisdom of this remark. The situation has required waiting as well as working, the waiting, not of the idler, but of the intensely alert angler fishing in a running stream where the trout are darting up and down. The town has practically changed its population since I came here; *i.e.*, as many have left the place as there are newcomers now in it. The roll of the Sunday-school and church

show that about as many have left us during this period as we now have. This has made the work extremely difficult, the results unstable, and has rendered a permanent pastorate all the more important.

So we have waited, and watched as we waited, and worked as we watched, and at last we begin to see some things that look like satisfactory results. Conditions seem to be more favorable than ever before, and the conviction has grown upon me that "now cometh the harvest."

We have succeeded in forming a Society of Christian Endeavor with about twenty active members, and there are several who will soon unite with the church.—*Rev. J. H. Heald.*



## A RECONNAISSANCE IN THE ROCKIES

BY REV. D. L. LEONARD, D.D., OBERLIN, OHIO

### I

IN preceding articles I have told as briefly as possible the story of the beginnings of civilized settlement in the vast Cordilleran region, and also of the early work of the Home Missionary Society therein. But from henceforth I am to confine my view to the four Territories, Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, west of the Main Range, which were committed to me to dress and keep, and to matters with which I had personally to do. It would not be easy to find an individual more utterly surprised and astonished than I was when, in April of 1881, through Secretary H. M. Storrs, I was asked to resign a pastorate in Northfield, Minnesota, which for attractions of many kinds was almost ideal, and transform myself into a superintendent and general missionary. It meant that I was to undertake the rôle of pioneer and founder in a mountainous district extending some 800 miles from north to south by 600 from east to west. My headquarters were to be at Salt Lake City, and Mormonism was to be the principal object on which my wits and energies were to be expended. I was to be turned loose in an area equal to two States like Texas, equal to eight or ten as large as Ohio or New York, and to be at first practically without helper or counselor. The population, though less than 250,000, was widely scattered and for the most part difficult of access. The only railroad was the Union Pacific, with its two branches extending, one some 250 miles south toward the Arizona line and the other more than 300 miles north across the border of Montana. The traveler's main reliance was upon the stage. I freely confess to no inconsiderable shrinking from such responsibilities and risks. Among many sagacious friends consulted only two said go. It cost me



a great struggle to decline the unanimous and very earnest request from those who had the power of appointment to remain in Minnesota as superintendent. But somehow by the sure prospect of hardship and severest toil desire was kindled rather than quenched. The last days of June found me crossing the Great Plains and the Rockies.

Of course, first in order came the laborious task of exploration. A few weeks were devoted to the Mormon Zion and the region around, the mining camps and the settlements in the valleys, visiting the few teachers already at work, making the acquaintance of Rev. C. W. Hill, of Park City, my only clerical coadjutor between the British possessions and the Mexican boundary, and making preparations for the early opening of additional schools. Prominent among these first essays was a trip up Little Cottonwood Cañon into the recesses of the Wahsatch to visit Alta, seat of the once famous Emma Mine. Steam power was available to the mouth of the cañon, where a transfer was made to a tramway and an open car hauled up the steep ascent by two mules. Except where long snowsheds altogether obstructed the vision, the scenery was all that could be desired for magnificence; the sun was at its brightest, the air was full of ozone, and at one point during my stay I climbed to an altitude of nearly 11,000 feet. Under the operation of this combination of causes, though at the time not knowing why, all that day and the next I found myself in an exalted and most pleasurable frame both of body and spirit, which amounted to a *quasi* intoxication. Scarcely could I refrain from shouting, striking, kicking, leaping, turning somersaults and other such physical demonstrations to expend the excess of nervous energy with which I seemed to be bursting.

After a fair amount of such light skirmishing with frontier travel and adventure, to harden muscle and discipline the nerves, it was time to enter upon the real campaign, the genuine tug-of-war. As counseled by veteran miners and others, I undertook to prepare myself to endure with least damage the evils which I could not shun by investing in warmest flannels, a pair of heavy woolen blankets, overalls of duck (called "California broadcloth" in the humorous speech of the natives), arctic overshoes, with cap and mittens to match, nor in the least forgetting a fur coat and buffalo robe. Not one of all these was ever left behind when any long trip was to be taken, even though it might be in midsummer. There were mountain ranges to cross; the nights were certain to be cold; if not needed for covering these articles were servicable as cushions, and on occasion could be transformed into beds to spread upon the ground or the floor. Thus accoutred, in early August I set out for Montana. My only known Congregational predecessors in those most roomy parts were President Blanchard, who, nearly twenty years before, had taken a flying trip to Virginia City when Alder Gulch was booming, and "A Volunteer



Home Missionary" who, in The Home Missionary for November, 1880, had written of "An Exploring Tour in Montana," speaking in particular of Helena, Bozeman, and the Yellowstone country. Some months before my first visit an earnest Christian woman had written East from Fort Benton pleading for a minister. All went well with me while I kept to the narrow gauge Utah Northern with its Pullman. But, alas! at Dillon I must needs exchange it for a stage, which I did with great shrinking and a cold shiver, for it was to be an all-night ride. The first evening I simply looked on when the start was made, but by the next trip my courage had risen to the height of the occasion. Virginia City, distant about sixty miles, was the first halting place. I could really have been *much* more miserable than I was. The old moon shed some cheering rays, the lunch at 2 A.M. was timely. We struck Alder Gulch at sunrise, and followed it up twelve miles. Hereabouts early in the sixties was the scene of greatest excitement, when some 50,000 gold seekers were gathered and were able to wash from the gravel some \$40,000,000 of shining dust. But not a vestige remained of the "glory" of the former days. After tarrying twenty-four hours I was up and off at 4 A.M. for Bozeman, seventy miles away, with not a mouthful till 9 o'clock. But then at Berry's ranch, Meadow Creek, a breakfast was spread so truly royal and superb that it still lives in vivid memory. That memorable day we also met such dignities as Secretary Sherman, Justice Strong, Senator Harrison, and his law partner, Miller, afterward Attorney-General—all these fresh from a visit to the National Park. A day at Bozeman discovered no call to occupy, and it was next to Helena, 110 miles, a stretch of nineteen hours—from 2 A.M. to 9 P.M. At Bridgeville we crossed the Gallatin, Madison, and Jefferson, near where they unite to form the Missouri, 1,100 miles above Bismarck, 3,600 above St. Louis, the water at this point *clear as crystal*. Most of the day we journeyed down the Missouri Valley, for too long a distance over a road exceeding rough with boulders, with three persons crowded into seats only wide enough for two, and my ribs continually grinding against the sharp corner of an iron brace. Therefore it was a sweet relief to reach the capital and taste the creature comforts of the International.

Two or three days were given to investigating the ecclesiastical situation in Helena, and I left with the conviction that, when the time came for starting work, here was abundant room and need for a church of our faith and order. A trip of 150 miles to the north and east remained that my eyes might behold Fort Benton. Two days and the night intervening were required. When fairly started upon this portion of the journey the intricacies of the cañon of the Little Prickly Pear must needs be threaded. For some twenty miles we coursed along between lofty walls, with abundance of beauty to bewitch the eye, in spite of the stifling dust. But of a

sudden the æsthetic sense was thoroughly deadened to the point of paralysis. For just where the defile was narrowest and most crooked we had overtaken a band of 4,000 cattle creeping northward at a snail's pace, and, task most herculean, for two miles we must force a passage through this solid mass of horns and hoofs. But the din which split the welkin was by far the hardest to endure. The calves were clearly in a majority, of whom each and every one had lost his mother, and was calling after her with all his might; nor less did the mothers bellow at their loudest in response, while the entire multitude of other adults present of both sexes in deep sympathy lifted up their voices in chorus till the cliffs near and far re-echoed the terrific strain. In due season I found myself at Benton, in the midst of a population of nearly 1,000, including many blacks, and half-breed Indians not a few. This was a river town, and was possessed of all the evil characteristics common to such. Drinking and gambling appeared to be the principal occupations, and I took particular note how cards fairly covered the ground in front of each saloon. Here was an adobe fort constructed by the American Fur Company as far back as 1846, and this was the head of navigation. Almost all kinds of freight entered the Territory by this route, and boating was lively during the limited season of high water each year. But I heard of a certain hapless piano which was two years making the passage hither from Boston. Before it reached Bismarck the last boat had ascended the stream, and so it was consigned to a damp warehouse to pass the winter and to await the next "June rise." Not many indications appeared that church work undertaken here was likely to be successful. As almost everywhere else in the Territory, it was easy to see that this belonged to the "arid region" (at least sub-arid) for New England ideas and ways. In particular, because nearly the entire mass of early settlers were emigrants up the river from Missouri, who in 1862-3 took surreptitious leave to escape military service either in the Union or the rebel army, or, as the phrase was, constituted the "rear guard of General Price's corps." But, since only the Episcopalians and Roman Catholics had opened services here, and a handful was found "of our persuasion," it was deemed fitting to locate a man at Benton at the earliest possible day. Nor was it long before Rev. W. A. James was on the ground, gathering a congregation and Sunday-school in the court-house. A return journey to Helena was next in order, and after that a side trip of eighty miles eastward to inspect White Sulphur Springs, just now coming to fame as a health resort. The night ride from Sun River was enlivened by the presence of a youth out for fun, who came aboard fortified with a box of cigars and a flask of ardent spirits, between which he went constantly back and forth for several hours, until we met the returning stage. The road to the Springs took us across the Missouri, up Confederate Gulch to Diamond City, with its

Montana Bar—from whence, within a certain six weeks, gold dust to the value of \$1,000,000 was washed—over the Divide into Smith River and past Fort Logan. A night was spent upon a ranch where three brothers from Illinois kept house, managed a profitable dairy, and rejoiced (as also did I) in a brook in the front yard fairly alive with speckled trout. Returning to Helena, I crossed the Main Range upon another eighty-mile jaunt westward and southward by Deer Lodge to Butte, rival of Leadville, whose fame was then upon everybody's lips. Here on the mountain side and over an ample area were gold, silver, and copper in abundance. A large population was present, with wickedness of all sorts rampant and shameless. Also a half-score of Congregational saints were unearthed and ready for a church organization as soon as a minister was on the ground. This first excursion was concluded by a further stage ride of fifty miles south to the railroad at Melrose *via* Glendale in the mountains, and a return to Salt Lake by narrow gauge. Thirty days had been consumed, and not less than 800 miles of stage lines had been covered.

After ten days of rest from jolts, thumps, and general disarrangement of all regular habits, which were also filled with duties pertaining to the Utah work, trip number two was entered upon, with Idaho as the objective point, and Blackfoot the point where all the appliances of civilized travel were to be left behind. My only fellow-travelers were a bride and her companion from Nebraska, the former on her wedding tour, though the husband had taken the journey some days before to get a cabin ready for joint occupation. Bound for Challis, 140 miles west, we crossed the Snake and sallied out upon the waterless, desolate, and hideous lava beds which cover and blight more than 200,000 square miles of the Pacific coast. Dinner was served at Root Hog in a tent, with a vigorous breeze blowing, which greatly disturbed the alkali dust and covered the viands with grit. But for the young women the entire day was full of sore trial. The seat was too wide, and too high, and too smooth; the springs were too stiff, while the lava was too rough and hard. How often and grievously were they tumbled from side to side and tossed in the air! And, besides, for these two entire days the poor bride was weighed down with the woes of the stage equivalent to sea-sickness. At Arco we tarried for a portion of the night, with an early start and a barbarous jerky stage to receive us next morning. Under ordinary circumstances the ride would have been most inspiring through the cañons to the Salmon and along that stream, and especially across the Valley of a Thousand Springs. Arriving at Challis, I found a Methodist preacher just come to take up an appointment, and as yet only a few inhabitants had gathered. After a night at Burns' hotel I crossed the mountains to visit the Custer mill and Bonanza, returning by the way I came. An old-timer was my seat-mate, addicted to mining, protected from road agents by a Winchester and sev-



eral revolvers, also with pockets well stocked with articles both potable and smokable, which were freely offered to all. Having found it difficult to convince him of my strict temperance principles without exciting anger, at noon I felt constrained to compromise by accepting a treat of California peaches at the dining-station, whose cost was at the rate of seventy-five cents a pound. Then as we neared Challis our vehicle was rudely stopped by two young women in a carriage, who refreshed the driver and the passengers from the contents of a flask, and when I politely declined my portion cursed me in shocking terms and pronounced me "no gentleman." A little later I found my landlady much the worse in sense and speech from overabundant indulgence in wine. The presiding elder and his preacher were also guests that night, and while they sought escape from her maudlin talk in a stroll, I chose the alternative of retiring to my room, from which it was not easy to persuade her to depart. With such experiences in memory, it is pleasant to recall that in later years a church of the Pilgrim stamp has been established in this desert spot.

Wood River was my real destination, a mining camp just now rapidly rising to fame, and to reach it I must return to Arco, and from thence skirt the mountains southward and westward through a trough between them and the lava sheet, 155 miles in all. The night ride from Arco was unique in at least one particular. I had already discovered that it was the wont of all stage officials, first of all, to find a snug place for the mail and express matter, and allot to the passengers whatever space might be left. On this occasion I was the only human traveler. Up the line was just now a scarcity of grain for the horses, and hence the coach was nearly filled with barley sacks. About a foot and a half of space was left just under the roof. Into this I crawled and remained until breakfast time next day. Bellevue had been built of logs the year before. Arriving very late Saturday night, I was assigned to my share of a room containing twelve beds, of which each was occupied to the full. Worldly toil went on as usual next day—a horse-race, with women as contestants, in the afternoon, affording the only variety. And this was at Hailey, a rival planted a few miles up stream, of only six months' standing, but built of boards, to which I next proceeded, and passed it to ascend the valley, as far as Ketchum. Here, too, cabins of logs sheltered all the inhabitants, in one of which I preached to an audience of less than a score. Several families gave me a hearty welcome, and in their utter destitution of the means of grace were ready to welcome a pastor, whom I also promised to send at the very soonest. No other settlements remained to visit in these parts, and the easiest exit was found to be through Kelton, distant south more than 150 miles, upon the Central Pacific Railroad, and hard by the Great Salt Lake. The day was hot and dusty far beyond any other I ever saw before or since. We were travers-



ing an extensive alkali tract, made more hideous by frequent streaks of lava. To crown all, a furious wind blew from behind for ten mortal hours. Imagine the looks of those woe-begone passengers, and, if possible, their feelings. We crossed the Snake about midnight, and rested a season at Goose Creek. The day following it was over the mountains of the same name, into Marsh Basin, across the old California trail, supping at Emigration Spring, and not long after we were well fixed in the Kelton House, the strain all over. The last half of the ride had been upon an excellent road, with such companions and other concomitants as to make it positively pleasurable, and almost to blot out the memory of the miseries of the earlier portion. Thus came to an end a stage trip of nearly 600 miles.



## INSTRUCTING YOUNG CONVERTS

THE quarter's work has been largely educational, in answering questions and considering subjects appropriate for our lately received members and converts, such as the inspiration of the Scriptures, the doctrines and covenants, new and old. The person, office, and power of the Holy Spirit have been outlined in several lectures, descriptive and instructive. The older members of the church have enjoyed the course as much as the younger. We have also adopted the plan of delegating one or more of our *young* members to the meetings of church and Sabbath-school associations, and requiring of them as full reports of those meetings as possible, to be given verbally at our evening meetings. Notice of these reports being given in the morning service usually attracts a large attendance at the evening meeting. Our Sunday evening meeting continues as a revival service, allowing opportunity for expression of growth in grace. At such a meeting last Sunday six or more people held up their hands for prayer, for conversion, and for increase of spiritual light. The interest continues hopeful. A practical work is also being done by some of the converts in visiting their acquaintances and reading to them the Scriptures, "with new light," as they call it, and with good results, reaching those who do not attend many of the meetings. This is good home missionary work among themselves. A work is also being done in the education of the converts and others touching the church as a divinely appointed instrument for the salvation of the world, the custody of the Scriptures and sacraments, and showing its responsibility for the services. We found that some of these long-settled doctrines were new to some older Christians, and they gave expression to their satisfaction with the instruction.—*Long Island, N. Y.*

## REVIVAL IN OKLAHOMA

THROUGH the mercy of our God this has been the most blessed quarter your missionary has had during the four years he has been in commission. Our Salem church, with other churches in the neighborhood, has been the scene of a wonderful movement. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit have been manifested in an unusual degree. We are now in the *tenth week* of an evangelistic effort—eight weeks without interruption in our Salem church. Night after night, and for four weeks every afternoon, your missionary with the help of the people has been enabled to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation, and the hand of the Lord has been visibly with us. The conversions have been for the most part among the young people. Several of the best young men of the neighborhood have given their hearts to Christ and united with the churches. Of the old men, so far as we can tell, only one has been savingly reached, but his is quite a happy case, while in his family (three grown sons and one daughter and the young wife of one of the sons) all give unmistakable evidence of having been “born again.” Two young married couples, after much show of opposition to the Gospel, are now in our church and taking firm hold of the work. One of the men is the only son of a Baptist minister in Kansas, and has in him good sound qualities. Last Monday he addressed the congregation for twenty minutes with good effect. Then two other men, one married, were “hard cases.” The single man, the son of a Christian widow in Illinois, had gone far astray, but he is now sweetly trusting the Lord and gives good evidence of conversion. Some are living the Christian life in the face of opposition. Some are already learning to deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Jesus. The Christians of the community have been quickened and are greatly rejoicing because of this wonderful mercy of God, to whom we ascribe all blessing and praise.

We cannot say when this glorious meeting will close. The interest is as good as ever, and many are under conviction of sin. We expect five or six to unite with us next Lord's Day. Other churches have also received accessions.—*Rev. T. A. Brunker.*



## WHAT LACK OF MONEY DOES

WHAT a deterring influence this lack of money has everywhere, in small towns as well as in large cities ; not only on commercial enterprises, but on Christian work and church progress. I have long known the fact theoretically, but never by experience so fully as within the last twelve

months ; for I have never before been where money was so scarce as it is here. The scarcity is, I find, one of the causes that keep so many people here from going to church. They say, "I hate to be everlastingly appealed to for contributions when unable to respond." I have made strenuous efforts to attract such, but comparatively in vain. Besides advertising free lectures, special discourses, even short sermons, and brighter services generally, I have taught stenography, French, and Latin, vocal and instrumental music, etc., to individuals inside and outside of the congregation. I have conducted a rather large singing class on the "Tonic Sol-fa Method," with the result, I am told, of improving congregational singing in all the churches, but not of greatly increasing the attendance at our own. All this teaching has been given "all for love and nothing for reward," except in one or two private cases when I wished to earn a little extra for my quota toward needed repairs upon our small sanctuary.

But all, or almost all, has been in vain, as to attraction. The cry is still, "the collection," "the collection," or, rather, "our inability to give anything," in answer to the earnest appeals which the poverty of the church necessitates Sunday after Sunday. "Hence these tears," and my renewed unwilling confessions that I am still unable to report satisfactory accessions either to our membership or audience. "Perhaps the preaching's at fault." Possibly. But folks do say, many of them, it isn't ; and I am vain enough to hope that those hearers are sincere who thank me every Sunday for their gratification and edification. Anyhow, their grateful assurances are at present the chief temporal reward of your missionary.—*Missouri*.



## FROM OUR ALABAMA SUPERINTENDENT

IF you have ever had a burning, with no insurance, you are fully prepared to sympathize with your friend and brother. I note what you say in regard to apportionment for Alabama. All I can say is that we acquiesced in the action of the apportionment committee of the Society, and as Superintendent I will do the best thing possible by cutting the garment according to the cloth. I can't tell as yet what can be done with churches that have been aided with a few dollars, unless we leave them off the list until times improve, or, rather, until the depleted treasury returns to its normal condition. I am aware that some of my brethren will blame me for the cut, for you know there are always those who expect impossibilities. We are glad to say, however, that we have not many of this class in Alabama, and these few, I trust, will emigrate soon to the town of "Grumbleburgh."

We will take the whole situation and every department of the work to the Lord, who promises : " If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

It is raining hard to-day, so we spent from two to three hours at family prayers this morning, and in searching the Scriptures, trying to find out why God permitted our loss by fire, and the terrible fright by midnight of my family (most of whom are aged or helpless women); also asking his aid and direction to administer wisely and in the fear of God our church matters in Alabama. With the treasury depleted and the churches poor and suffering, the pastors and their families in many cases hungry, their meal barrels often empty (for the drought prevailed in some places to an alarming extent this past year), the people are also hungering for the bread of eternal life. Before we broke up the family devotion tears were flowing freely from all our eyes ; but we received a blessing that will be remembered as long as life lasts. We realized then and there that—

" The birds without barn or storehouse are fed:  
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.  
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied,  
So long as 'tis written, the Lord will provide,"

So we all thanked God and took courage.

My wife is still suffering severely from the broken rib, and I fear there are other internal injuries. We earnestly ask an interest in the prayers of all the Society.—*Rev. S. E. Bassett.*



## SWEDISH WORK IN MINNEAPOLIS

WE have a great field in this city and surroundings. Here is a Swedish population of about 30,000 souls, some say 40,000, and of this number there are at most 8,000 who are members of or connected with the twenty-two different Swedish churches in the city ; viz., six Lutheran, three Baptist, two Methodist, four Mission Covenant (Missions Forbundet), one Protestant Episcopal, two Presbyterian, one Free Baptist, one Free Mission, one Norwegian (only three Swedes belonging to it), and lastly our own, which is also called Free Mission, but is in reality Congregational, as it is now affiliated with you. Besides, there are a Swedish Universalist Church Society, and a Swedish Spiritist organization that too calls itself a church, not counted in the above enumeration of twenty-two churches. Here is also one Swedish Salvation Army corps, numbering about twenty "soldiers" and attended by fifty to one hundred persons. Hence



here is a Swedish population of at least 20,000 to draw from. Some of this great number of non-church-members do, indeed, more or less regularly attend one or another of the above-mentioned churches—perhaps 3,000 to 5,000 of them—and this is the material from which the churches get most of their new members; but most of the great unchurchly population seldom attend church anywhere. Perhaps 200 or 300, at most 500, belong to or attend exclusively American—that is, English-speaking—churches.

The mass of this unchurchly population is very difficult to reach with the Gospel. Many of them are very poor, and for that reason will not go to any church; some are openly disbelievers in any and all religion, extremely inimical to the churches, and have societies and meetings of their own. A great many constitute a floating population, here to-day, elsewhere to-morrow, simply working from day to day and utterly indifferent to religion and churches. Nevertheless, this mass of people is a very interesting field, and not wholly unprofitable, either. We, as a new and lately entering church, must work in it to get a good portion of our material, and material for the living temple of God, from it. By visits in families and in boarding-houses I have found a good many who are willing to receive tracts and read them, and also to accept invitations to come to church or some gospel meeting in a hall or at a private house. Now and then one or another of these is converted. The best prospects are with the unchurchly families. I am permitted to hold meetings in their houses with good results. We ought to have a good city missionary who could have time to visit more such families and hold more such "cottage meetings," as I have very few evenings to spare, having so many meetings every week, two in the church besides Sunday meetings, and at two mission places.

An instance may be to the point. At one such meeting the man of the house was converted after having attended two or three times. In his first prayer in public he said, in Swedish, among other quaint things, with the utmost simplicity and without intending to pique: "O God, help me to live a better life than I have been living, better than a good many I know who call themselves Christians."—*Rev. J. A. Princell.*



## FROM THE BAR TO THE PULPIT

PRIOR to my conversion in January last I was a lawyer by profession, and when it was suggested that I leave that honorable calling for one still more honorable I hardly knew what to do. It was hard to leave the avocation for which I had specially trained and in which I had spent six-

teen of the best years of my life, but I carried the problem to God in prayer and left the question with him, asking his guidance and direction. I soon saw the way open before me so plain that I could not mistake my clear duty. Thereupon I closed my law office and applied to my ministerial friends for instruction and help. They were more than kind towards me, and have given me all the assistance in their power.

In April I presented myself to the Association of the Congregational churches of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho at its annual meeting in Walla Walla, passed my examination, and was licensed to preach for one year. In August I received a call from the First Congregational Church in Rosalia, Whitman County, Washington, and began my ministry here August 30, 1896, since which time I have preached in the church here every Sabbath morning and evening, except the third Sabbath in each month. This I spend at Oakesdale, twelve miles away, preaching there also morning and evening. At the suggestion of the brethren who knew me best, a council convened at Rosalia, September 29, 1896, for the purpose of my ordination and installation, and I was duly ordained and installed that evening.

When I came here all business houses ran their stores, shops, and other offices wide open on Sunday. Now they are closed, and an ordinance has been passed, without opposition, providing for the proper observance of God's day as one of rest.

I have had but one conversion under my ministry, and that not in my church, but of a prominent politician well known in the national life, who came here to make a speech. May God bless and keep him faithful unto the end!—*Rev. C. W. Bushnell.*



## WAITING FOR THE BARREL

THE times were very hard and the "home missionary debt" caused so much pressure that there had been a general reduction of salaries. Ours had been reduced almost beyond the possibility of making both ends meet in this cold country, with coal from seven to twelve dollars a ton. The parsonage was a poor shell that had been built for a barn and enlarged, the cold wind blowing right through it in the blizzards. We had had extra expenses, too, which took about seventy dollars from us that we could ill afford. The missionary barrels for a couple of years had not been as good and full as usual, so our stock of bedding and warm clothing had become very low. We looked forward to the winter with apprehension, for "Who can stand before his cold?" While we were debating ways and means, our hearts were rejoiced by a kind, thoughtful

letter from the secretary of a ladies' society in the Middle States, telling us that they were going to send us a barrel, and asking what special things we needed. We replied, telling them of things most necessary, and especially the warm bedding. They wrote again, and we replied, giving them the story of our field, condition, and prospects. We waited five or six weeks, and heard no more. Then a letter came saying they were going to fill and ship a barrel in about ten days, and they would write again. But no word came. Two weeks went past, and then three days more. We heard nothing. In the meantime there came on an early blizzard, which lasted three days; our coal pile was small, and we had no money to get more—the missionary treasury being empty, the secretaries had written that we would have to wait for salary. We did the best we could in the cold spell. We took down the curtains and used them for bedding on one of the children's beds, and put hot bricks and flat-irons in bed with them. Then we took the missionary overcoat that had done good service for twenty years, keeping the missionary warm in his journeys, and put it on the boy's bed. With the lap robe and warm bricks we kept the children warm. On our own bed we piled the clothes we took off, but in spite of them all the cold wind as it went through the house seemed to find our spines, and chill us through. I said to my husband, "How I wish that barrel had come before this cold spell." He replied in his cheery way, "Maybe it will come to-morrow." But it did not come. "The Missionary's Sunshine" would say, as he came from town: "Pa, any letter about our barrel? I am waiting for my shoes." "No, my child." "Never mind," she said; "maybe it will come to-morrow." But no letter, no barrel. We are still waiting as patiently as we can, every day looking for it. And we shall look and wait until it comes. Doubtless it is somewhere on the road and will come soon.

In the meantime we are waiting for the barrel. Still waiting.—*Mrs. Cinereus.*



## CHRISTIAN EARNESTNESS AND MISSIONS

"THE value of our religion," says a thoughtful writer, "is in proportion as we are borne away from self, and are influenced by a burning love for God and man to sacrifice ease, comfort, and possessions to advance the kingdom of Christ." The measure of that principle is the measure of our earnestness, in the pulpit and in the pew, in preaching and in listening, in praying and in giving. The quality of the earnest spirit is the same in all, though it does not in all manifest itself outwardly in the same way. In the Christian, and in essence, it is the spirit of all-absorbing interest in Christ's cause. It is ever asking, In what way can

I best serve Christ, promote his kingdom and save souls? It is not satisfied to be for Jesus nothing more than a member on a church roll. When it takes possession of a sincere soul, it is a burning passion to be something for Jesus. So it manifested itself in Paul after his conversion. The first cry of his new-born experience was: "What wilt thou have me to do?" I am thine, O Lord; thine to suffer, thine to sacrifice, thine for any service thou requirest of me.

When Xavier was preparing to go on his mission through the East a friend who shared his sleeping apartment was awakened at dead of night by hearing him in his sleep crying: "Yet more, O Lord, yet more!" In his dreams he had seen a wild and terrible career opened before him in the service of Christ. He was to traverse barbarous regions—*islands, and continents, and mighty empires*; to endure hunger and thirst, and all forms of physical suffering; to face even torture and death. As in his dreams he contemplated the trials, dangers, and sufferings he was to face, he seemed to hear Christ saying to him, "Wilt thou endure all this for the sake of winning souls to me?" He cried out: "Yet more, O Lord, yet more! Give me more territory to conquer, more suffering to bear." That was the spirit of missionary earnestness, kindled by divine love into a burning passion for Christ and souls. Would to God that all who profess Christ had in these days more of this passion! It would kindle every pulpit and every church in the land, and cause money to flow in rich abundance into the depleted treasuries of the missionary societies of all denominations, which because of inadequate resources are compelled to withhold aid from missionaries at home and abroad; and this when fields were never in the history of the world richer for a great harvest than now. The laborers are few compared with the need of the world; but compared with the means to support them they seem to be more than can be commissioned. This certainly would not be were the hearts of all who profess Christ kindled with divine love, so as to sympathize with the travail of his soul for this suffering, lost world.

The need of our day, more than all else, is deeper consecration. It is not better times and more money in circulation that are going to fill the coffers of the missionary societies. The world is full of money, and so are the churches. The money which is contributed for missionary purposes is given by men and women whose hearts have been touched by divine love; and these contribute according to the measure of the love they feel and the intensity of their consecration.

A man who had been for years a deacon of a church said to me, after a renewed and more earnest consecration under the influence of a revival: "I find I can pay a dollar now to promote the cause of Christ easier than I could pay a dime before." Before he was an uncon-



verted church member, and any little he paid to support his pastor or for missions was a burden, an unwilling offering. Now, as a converted man, his heart was in his giving, and he only wished he had more to give. Let unconverted members of our churches be converted, and backsliders return to the Lord in holy, whole-souled consecration, and dimes flowing into the treasuries of the Lord will become dollars, and no more complaint will be heard of debts and deficiencies.

I was once immersing an old man, converted—but thoroughly converted—late in life, when his wife cried out to him from the shore, as I was about to perform the ceremony: “Your pocket-book and money are in your pocket. Throw it to me before you are immersed.” “No,” he said; “I want my money baptized with me.” Under the water he went, with his pocket-book and money, and lookers-on from the shore said, “That old man is in earnest.” If all who call themselves Christians were as earnest as he, religion would seem more real to people. The old man after this, to the close of his life, was an earnest, consistent Christian, because he had consecrated himself and all he had to Christ.

Let us pray for the outpouring of God’s spirit on all the churches of the land; that backsliders may be reclaimed; that unconverted church members may be converted; that all may consecrate themselves anew who are following too far off. Then we shall see a new order of things, and the cloud now resting on the churches and the nation will be lifted.  
—*Whitley.*



## A MEXICAN FIESTA

BY REV. E. H. ASHMUN, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

To step from a Christian community into a Mexican village, yesterday visited by the writer, and witness the Roman Catholic festival, the Feast of Malinche, is enough to make one ask himself whether he is in the nineteenth century, or back in the Middle Ages; whether he has not been transported to some pagan land of the Orient, instead of being in Christian America.

The feast is held in honor of the patron saint of this village, San Rafael, after whom the village is named, but the honor is shared by Malinche. This woman is not a saint. She was a slave of Cortez, acted as his interpreter with the Aztecs, and was finally made his mistress. She is held in grateful remembrance by the Spaniards for the aid she gave them in effecting the conquest, and by the natives for the kindness and sympathy which she showed them in their misfortunes. “Many an Indian

ballad commemorates the gentle virtue of Malinche. Even now, if report be true, her spirit watches over the capitol which she helped to win; and the peasant is occasionally startled by the apparition of an Indian Princess dimly seen through the evening shadows, as it flits among the groves and grottos of the royal hill of Chapultepec." So says Prescott. Rehearsing for the dance begins many days before the feast, and drinking and carousing continue from the time of the first preparations until some days after the feast day.

The feast consists of mass in the church, a dance in the plaza in front of the church, and bonfires and fireworks in the evening. There are twelve dancers, all men, over their trousers wearing pants of white muslin, extending down from the thighs, tucked and frilled and trimmed with lace. Shawls of varied hue and pattern were pinned to their shoulders and hung down their backs; a large silk handkerchief of bright color covered the face below the eyes and hung down over the breast, while above this the face was veiled by lace, beadwork, or a piece of mosquito netting. This curious costume was crowned by a gorgeous headgear, being a cap about fifteen inches high, running to a point and covered with glass beads, tinfoil, tinsel, etc. On each cap were several small mirrors, which glittered and flashed in the sunlight as the dancers kept time to the music. Long streamers of ribbon of all the colors of the rainbow, a dozen to each cap, hung from the topmost point. Fan-shaped ornaments of wood were carried in the left hand, and waved in time to the music, and rattles in the right hand were kept in motion as they danced. One of the dancers is the *Monarcho*, representing Montezuma, and Malinche was impersonated by a girl of fourteen. Besides these were four other characters, as follows: the *Vieja* (old woman); a man who was the manager of the dance, dressed in a suit made of gunny sacks, a sheepskin mask, and sombrero; two *Abuelos* (grandfathers), similarly dressed and masked; and the *Toro* (the bull), whose head was crowned with a pair of horns, and whose special function was to scare the small boys. These four were in reality the clowns of the performance, making themselves as ridiculous as possible, and furnishing fun for the occasion. Preceding the mass, the dancers and performers were led into the church, a crowd of people who had gone in before being sent out, and, rigged out as they were for the coming festivities, received a special benediction. Two priests officiated at the mass. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, with not less than 400 people, including the performers. After mass the priests, carrying a picture of San Rafael, led the procession in a march around the plaza, followed by the dancers and clowns, dancing and performing as they went. In the afternoon the dancing was more elaborate, including a variety of steps to the music of a violin and guitar. These instruments also accompanied the singing in

the church services. During the mass an anvil was fired at frequent intervals just outside the church.

Some of the actions of the performers were grossly indecent, and their speech too vulgar for repetition. Liquor flowed freely. There were three saloons running specially for this occasion, in this village where none exists at other times (though native wine is kept in many houses and habitually used), for the express purpose of supplying the needs of this religious (?) festival. One of the Abuelos flourished a bottle of liquor from time to time. Nearly everyone drank—men, women, and children—and some of the performers gave unmistakable evidence of its effects. One man was reported shot and another cut, in brawls, during the fiesta. At the last the Toro is killed and Malinche catches his blood in her silk handkerchief, but he comes to life again in time to join in the final dance. The evenings are made brilliant with fireworks and a large number of bonfires on the plaza and on the roof of the church (the roofs are made of adobe and are flat), and *bailes* (common dances) are held each night.

In the presence of such superstition, drinking, carousing, and vulgarity as a part of a so-called Christian festival, one can hardly help querying whether this is Christian civilization. A greater travesty on religion can hardly be imagined.

In this same village, surrounded with what makes such scenes as this possible, stands our Congregational church and school. Is it any wonder that the work is difficult and results are slow to appear? Not much gain can be seen, though most efficient work is being done by our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Birlew, and our teacher, Miss Dick. After about ten years of work in San Rafael, a fully established church had heretofore been impossible. But on the very day of these mockeries there came to the mission a man who until a few months before had been living in drunkenness and adultery, bringing his wife with him, both desiring to unite with the church. There is no question as to the sincerity of their purpose. Thus there are rifts in the clouds.



## THE MISSING LINKS

BY MISS KATHERINE MACNAUGHTEN

THE incidents which suggested this title occurred at a conference for missions in a neighboring village. The morning session had been most inspiring, with addresses from missionaries and practical workers. The afternoon was largely devoted to discussions of various questions of interest. Of course the perennial question, How shall we interest the members of our churches? came up once more. One very earnest missionary

worker, in the course of her remarks, quoted from a recent speaker who had alluded to the "missing links" at these gatherings, meaning the absence of young girls. Looking round the audience, we saw quite a number of these same "missing links," one of them a bright young lady who had devoted her life to work in far-away China.

Now, this earnest speaker, who was really very much interested in the question, did not mean to cast any reflection on young girls, but had merely forgotten the girls' point of view. Certainly in this day of King's Daughters organizations, Mission Bands, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, Brotherhoods of Andrew and Philip, etc., all more or less interested in missions, we cannot say that the young people are not falling into line.

But we must adapt our methods in missionary work, as in many others, to the changing conditions of this century, even if some good old methods seem for a while to be put aside. Let the young folks try their plans, bringing into the work their undimmed enthusiasm which they will have sore need of when they are older in the service.

At the same meeting, during the luncheon hour, a stalwart missionary from India, well known to many, remarked, "I expected to see more men here." A few did apologetically come in and sit at the extreme rear of the church to hear this same missionary tell of his work, and the needs of the cause in India. Here was the same question again. Certainly the men of the church are "missing links" also. Of course large meetings like those of the American Board and the Home Missionary Society draw crowds, but at the smaller conferences and in our local churches the men are conspicuous by their absence. Why should this be so? Is this work only for women and children? It was not always so. I remember, in far-away times, when it was still considered worth while for the whole church to have at least a *monthly* concert for missions, we had delightful meetings, when the busy pastor was not left to his own devices to "get up a meeting," but when the intelligent men in the church took lead of the meetings in turn, bringing the best information on the subject for the use of all. We need a mission to the "neglected classes," the men of the church. If the women and children, even in the infant department, must come into line, why should not the "sterner sex" come also? If they do not study missions for themselves, or come under the influence of missionary meetings, how can they take an intelligent interest as they do in political or other great questions?

With all due respect to the noble work of women for missions in this century, the undoubted fact remains that it is in the hands of the men of the country that the wealth is placed.

If our mission boards are to be put on a sound financial basis to meet the many appeals coming to us, it needs a *rally along the whole line*. What



kind of an army would that be with some of the companies not in active service? The whole church, not any one part of it, is called to the service. The whole force is needed, each company working, it may be, independently, but with one common bond of sympathy, one great aim, one great leader, the Lord Jesus Christ, who heads the host and whose command was to the whole church, and his promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

Each individual church must adapt its methods to existing circumstances. In large cities and churches more separate organizations of both young and old may be of advantage, but in smaller places and feebler churches one strong organization for the work may be the best way, only so adapted that all may have part, with variety enough to suit all. Let us not make the young people and children feel out of place at a missionary meeting any more than at a church service. We are all one body in Christ. All the force is needed, if the many open doors, here and abroad, are to be entered. First our beloved country, with its teeming population jostling each other, and speaking every language under heaven, appeals to us. If we come up to our full duty here, we need not think that the claims of the "outside heathen" will be disregarded. Numbers of these "foreign" people, like the Chinese and Africans, are fitting themselves for effective work in their own lands, showing that there is no division in the body of Christ, no home, no foreign.

In this blessed work let us have no "missing links" to weaken the chain, but one grand whole, bound together by mutual sympathy and the charity which is "the bond of perfectness" to the one Lord and Master to whom each Christian has pledged life-long service and devotion.—*Albany, N. Y.*



### REV. A. G. PETTERSEN

ANDERS GUSTAF PETTERSEN was born in Sweden, November 7, 1844. When a lad of eight years he began to be interested in spiritual things, and clearly felt, as he was persuaded, the Holy Spirit striving in his heart. When Anders was eleven years old his father became a Christian, and this made the Christian life seem all the more desirable to him; but while he was trying to do the things which he thought would be pleasing to God he had no peace or joy. It went on so for a long time. He was much by himself, frequenting the forest, where he prayed much and earnestly that he might become a genuine Christian, as his father seemed to him to be. But his prayers and tears brought him no relief and no comfort. When he was nineteen he broke away from the restraints of home and of the Spirit's entreaties, and wandered into sin. After a time he was taken severely

sick, and it was thought that he would not recover ; he himself expected to die. His past life gave him no pleasure whatever. He desired and prayed that he might recover, and made many good promises as to what he would do, if only he might recover. God restored him ; but he let go all his good promises, and lived on as he had been living, until a dear friend died and he felt himself all alone in the world. Then he began again to seek the Lord, and found both pardon and peace at the throne of grace. His own account of that hour was : " No one can understand how happy I was in the knowledge that Jesus was my Savior, and that my sins were forgiven."

A year later, in 1867, a theological student advised him to study for the ministry. As this had been on his own mind, he felt that perhaps this advice was a call from the Lord. He began to pray that, if the Lord would have him a minister, he would open the way for him to earn money that he might secure an education.

In the fall of 1869 he entered " The Swedish Evangelical Fatherland Colporteur School." After three terms of study the Association sent him to the province of Dalarna to do the work of a colporteur and to preach the Gospel. Working there a year, he fell into a despondent mood ; he thought that God had not called him into the work, and that he could not, therefore, expect his blessing.

He was much exercised in mind and heart over this, and made it a subject of constant and earnest prayer. He could not be content without knowing that the Lord wanted him in his work and had called him to it. After a considerable time this question was finally settled, and he was fully persuaded that he was called to be a minister of Jesus Christ. Then there followed a memorable revival in his field. In his own words : " Many came to me night and day, and wanted me to pray with them. Hundreds became Christians. The good work spread over the whole field. Many are now in this country, and have become leaders in Swedish Mission churches ; and many have gone home to be with the Lord. This was the greatest religious movement I have seen in my life." Mr. Pettersen remained on this field until 1877. Then the Association passed certain rules for the direction of their colporteurs, to some of which Mr. Pettersen could not give his assent. He therefore left the Association, and began to preach independently. In 1880 he came with his family to this country and settled at Willmar, Minn. He worked at his trade, that of a carpenter, until Christmas. Then he set out to visit the small new Swedish settlements in Minnesota and Dakota. He would gather the settlers for gospel services, stay a few days with them, and then go on to the next group of settlers, out on the prairies.

In this way he gladdened the hearts, and blessed the lives, of many who otherwise were not likely to listen to the preached Word. Many

were led to give themselves to Jesus Christ through his ministry. It was his privilege to plant a number of churches, which have since grown strong. As the people to whom he preached were not well off in this world's goods, Mr. Pettersen was obliged to support himself by working on week days at his trade; but on the Lord's Day he went out and preached the Word to any and all who chose to come and hear. He kept this up until 1891, when he moved from Willmar to Trade River, Burnett County, Wis., to assist his brother in running a flour mill. This brother had begun to erect a little church, and the two worked together in the mill, and also upon the church, until it was ready for occupancy. They did not ask for outside aid; but prayed and worked, and worked and prayed, till the building was finished. The church is a standing witness in that community to what faith in God, prayer, and good-will can accomplish. Meantime Mr. Pettersen continued to preach the Gospel as opportunity offered. In 1892 he received a call from the Swedish Congregational church of Upsala, Minn. He accepted this call, removed there in August of that year, and began that work which he continued over four years, until a month before he died. Mr. Pettersen ministered not only to the church, but to the whole community. He was the only Swedish minister settled in Morrison County, where there is a large population of his own countrymen.

Numbers went to him for counsel and care, not alone in regard to spiritual matters, but in anything and everything. When friends from New England sent boxes of clothing to him, for himself and his family, he did not forget "the poor family that has much less than my own family and myself." It was his pleasure to do good, and to communicate and to share his good things with the less prosperous.

He appreciated the aid of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. He was wont to say, "Thank God for the dear American friends, down East, who have sent us these things."

For more than a year Mr. Pettersen suffered with cancer in the stomach. Towards the latter part of his life the pain was, at times, intense. He preached in his church for the last time, November 8, 1896. The last message to his people was, "Love one another." He thanked his wife for all her care and loving sympathy, and charged his children to love their mother, and be good to her. He died December 4, 1896. He was laid to rest in the churchyard on Tuesday, December 8. Four of his brother ministers officiated: Rev. A. G. Nelson, of Center City, Minn.; Rev. N. I. Nelson, of Falun, Wis.; Rev. John Rood, of St. Cloud, Minn.; and Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, of Minneapolis. The numbers and demeanor of those who were gathered at his funeral indicated the regard with which the community honored our brother Pettersen. He has entered into his rest, and his works do follow him.—*S. V. S. F.*

## THE "MYSTERIOUS MRS. B." AGAIN

BY MRS. H. M. UNION

OUR readers who have followed the experiences of this worker among the miners in Montana may be interested in the latest message from her pen in a personal letter. She writes :

I am still "holding the fort" here, with times as dull as usual, and somewhat closer than ever. Last fall, as a delegate, I attended a State convention in St. Louis, and had a very enjoyable time.

In crossing the Range on the way home, I got caught in a blizzard, and the driver lost his way and wandered about among the sage brush all night. I was the only passenger, and we were out twenty-one hours without food or shelter, with the thermometer registering fifteen degrees below zero. It was wonderful how the Lord sustained me through it all. I did not freeze hand or foot, although I was so thoroughly chilled that I suffered from it for several weeks afterward. I never felt my Father's presence so close to me as I did all through that fearful night ; and such peace filled my heart that I could speak cheering words to the driver, who had the hardest time, for he froze his face and neck quite badly.

Now, dear friend, please do not reprove me for taking such a risk. I did not realize it before, although I have traveled so much over these mountains. We were due at our evening station before dark, and I was so thoroughly wrapped, I knew I could stand the cold to that place. The horses, however, were so tired, pulling through the drifts, that they went very slowly, and night overtook us when within five miles of the station. Not being able to see anything, the horses drifted before the wind. I do try to be careful, but there are many unseen dangers ever around our path, and we can be safe anywhere only through the providential care of our Father in Heaven.—*Montana.*



## PIONEERING EXPERIENCES

FINANCIALLY, the people of Oklahoma are very poor, many of them coming hither with almost nothing of this world's goods. But they have gone to work with the determination that if God will keep them in health and strength, and bless their endeavors, they will build homes for themselves and houses for his worship. With godly ministers and our beloved Superintendent at the head, we hope and expect great things from the Master.

Wife and I, traveling over the country, find very many who are so "hard-up" for clothing that it is almost impossible to tell the original



material from the patches. Many are going without shoes, being unable to buy. Hardship is everywhere ; yet many of these people try to give something to the cause of Christ. It is hard to take from them, yet for the cause of the Lord the poorest of them can give something, and it is right and just that they should be continually taught to do so. God will bless the man or woman who remembers him. The people take great interest in church services and sometimes show wonderful spirituality. We had a short revival last spring, with very good results.—*Oklahoma*.



### A DYING CHURCH REVIVED

THE people here had been without regular preaching for nearly two years ; their moral condition was growing worse and the families were scattered. They could offer no compensation except to bring in fruits and vegetables. There was no appropriation from the Home Missionary Society. The only inducement to come was the large opportunity for doing good. Our first work was to repair the parsonage, which was greatly dilapidated, having been used to store fruit. Glass was broken from the windows, and the porches were tumbling down. By practicing the closest economy we had saved a few dollars, hoping to take a little vacation in a modest way, but this seemed to be the place to put our money. Part of the lumber was given by one of the mills, and we went to work repairing and building more porches, which were necessary for comfort, painted the building inside and out, and papered the rooms inside. This seemed to arouse the people and encourage them to go to work. A friend donated shade trees and shrubs ; those most interested helped about setting them out. So we now have a cosy, pleasant home.

We found among the papers of the church a letter from one who wished to unite, but at first there was neither life nor interest enough to act upon the letter. Here was a grand opportunity to rally the church, and by great effort we got four members together, two of them coming fifteen miles, and voted the man into the church. The new member was at the time thirty miles away, working in a mine, and some thought that would be the last we should hear of him ; but upon being notified of his admission, he immediately sent us a check for twenty-three dollars, stating that twelve dollars were for the preacher's salary, two dollars were for church insurance, and nine dollars for tracts to be distributed through the town.

A week of prayer was observed and the meetings continued for five weeks, beginning with nine and closing with an attendance of seventy-

five, and resulting in the conversion of nine persons. Among them was the saloon-keeper, now one of our most efficient members.—*California*.



### REV. DR. KINCAID

THE REV. DR. WILLIAM KINCAID, for the last nine years one of the Secretaries of this Society, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 12th of February, 1897, aged 55 years.

Born in London, England, in 1841, he came to this country in early childhood, was graduated from Oberlin College in 1865, and studied theology at Princeton and Oberlin, graduating from the latter seminary in 1868.

With marked acceptance he filled pastorates in the Congregational churches of Rushville, N. Y., Leavenworth, Kan., Oberlin (Second), Ohio, and Oswego, N. Y. Thence he was called to represent "the American Board" as its district Secretary in New York City. From this position he was elected, in 1888, one of the Secretaries of this Society. From that time until a few weeks before his lamented death he fulfilled the duties of his office with untiring energy and self-denial, with eminent sagacity and unfaltering trust in the Divine warrant for the Society's mission and in its abundant ultimate success.

He was a man of strong faith, of prayer, and of genuine consecration. His genial, cordial spirit made coöperation with him ever easy and pleasant. By the Society's superintendents and the faithful laborers in its widely severed fields his periodical visits were warmly welcomed for the light and strength and cheer gained from his counsels, sympathy, and prayers. There are few helpers of good men and women in the Lord's vineyard whose decease will be mourned by a wider circle of His chosen ones.

But nowhere, outside of his home, will Dr. Kincaid be more sadly missed than in the band of his co-workers in the offices of this Society and of those coöperating with it in the Bible House, where he was most intimately known and sincerely loved.

These brethren met in informal conference on the day after his decease, and united in the resolutions that follow:

*Whereas*, To our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom and love it has seemed good to call unto himself our beloved brother, the Rev. William Kincaid, D.D., we, his brethren and fellow-laborers in the several co-operative benevolent societies having their offices in the Bible House, desire to unite in the expression of our sense of loss through his departure, our high estimate of his character and work, and our sympathy with all who with us are afflicted by this bereaving providence:

*Resolved, First,* That we, his intimate associates, bear united testimony to our brother's deeply spiritual and devout character, his consistent and eminently useful life, his self-denying devotion to every good word and work for the Master, his large-hearted fellowship with all who love our Lord in sincerity.

*Resolved, Secondly,* That in his removal from the scenes of active Christian work we deplore an incalculable loss from the united band of witnesses for Christ and his truth in the missionary fields at home and abroad, who henceforth must miss his untiring labor, his gifts and prayers in their behalf.

*Resolved, Thirdly,* That we sincerely sympathize with the Congregational Home Missionary Society and its workers scattered over our wide land in their loss of a most loving brother, tenderly appreciative of their toils and sacrifices for our country's evangelization; with the Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn, in the losing from its ranks of an earnest, active, praying member; and with all the coöperative organizations caring, in their several lines, for the same great ends that ever found in him a cheerful, ready helper.

And finally *Resolved, Fourthly,* That we extend our deepest, tenderest sympathy to the bereaved family of our brother thus removed from their precious home circle in the prime and vigor of his powers: to the beloved wife of his youth, the companion and helper of his busy manhood; to the son and daughter who—along with their brother now in heaven—have been richly blessed with the precept and example of so wise, affectionate, and heavenly-minded a father.



## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04
August.....3,460.00	487.56	2,167.21	6,114.77
September....9,148.64	610.00	5,775.99	15,534.63
October.....7,115.88	218.85	1,646.85	8,981.58
November....12,533.97	331.00	30,845.53	43,710.50
December.....20,941.25	200.00	77,086.65	98,227.90
January.....27,244.08	452.00	8,136.54	35,832.62



## THE CLOSING YEAR

THE Society's seventy-first fiscal year is near its end—March 31. It is believed that that day will have seen "the beginning of the end" of these dreary years of business depression and of unprecedented dearth in the treasuries of this and all other benevolent societies. With what more joyful, appropriate, and grateful recognition can God's people hail the

dawn of returning prosperity than by breaking the fetters of this chosen instrumentality for the evangelization of our land and setting it free to press forward the work he has so richly blessed for more than seventy years?

The Society's obligations at the banks February 10 were \$119,000. Had the receipts equalled those of the same months of the seventieth year, as was hoped and expected, these obligations would have been less than \$5,000. There will be needed for meeting dues to the missionaries in February and March, \$85,000. To redeem these pledges and to close the fiscal year wholly free from debt, therefore, will require in these two months \$204,000. No large legacies are known to be ready for payment, so for this sum the Society must look to the churches, State auxiliaries, women's unions, Sunday-schools, Christian Endeavorers, army boys and girls, and individual helpers from whom its supplies have come hitherto. It seems a large amount to expect from them in so short a time. But offerings as large have been several times received in the closing weeks of recent years.

Is there no favored steward of his Lord's money ready to help these steady givers in the generous spirit of a friend of missions who offers a sister society \$250,000 towards canceling its indebtedness, more than four times as large as ours? Are there no clusters of large churches or of well-to-do men and women ready to unite in special efforts to meet the emergency, thus blessing our country, and, through it, the world for which our Redeemer died?



## THE NEW YEAR

THE apportionment for the seventy-second year was made by the Executive Committee of this Society early in January last and confirmed by the Convention held on the 20th of that month. In view of the long continued financial stringency the Executive Committee felt it absolutely necessary to cut down the estimates for the coming year to an amount which it could reasonably expect would be met by that year's receipts. After carefully studying the operating expenses and making every reduction which in the Committee's judgment could possibly be endured without seriously endangering the work, the estimates for the coming year were cut down by \$74,000. Of this amount seventeen and one-half per cent. falls upon the work in the field, and twenty-two per cent. upon the operating expenses.

It is the confident hope and belief of the Committee that this largely reduced amount, with any obligations that may remain at the close of the seventy-first year, will be met by the receipts, enabling prompt payment of the missionaries to be made without the incurring of further debt.



## APPOINTMENTS IN JANUARY, 1897

*Not in commission last year*

Adams, Hubert Gilman, Garretson, So. Dak.  
 Bushnell, Campbell W., Rosalia, Wash.  
 Comin, John, Chamberlain, So. Dak.  
 Davies, James, Plankinton, So. Dak.  
 Farnsworth, E. D., Fidalgo City, Wash.  
 Grey, Fred, Valeda, Kan.  
 Hendrick, Harmon E., Port Townsend, Wash.  
 Mills, Charles L., Clay Center, Kan.  
 Munro, George A., Milford, Neb.  
 Rice, Guy Herbert, Springfield, Minn.  
 Richardson, Charles A., Louisville, Kan.  
 Spence, Joseph M. A., Clark, So. Dak.

*Recommissioned*

Avery, Holly H., Steele City, Neb.  
 Barber, Jerome M., Wilsonville, Ore.  
 Barnes, Albert Edmond, Fertile, Minn.  
 Bascom, George S., Hankinson, No. Dak.  
 Bates, John Milne, Wakonda, So. Dak.  
 Bauman, Gustav, Butte, Neb., and Gregory Co., So. Dak.  
 Brereton, John, Grandin, Mo.  
 Caldwell, Asbury, West Palm Beach, Fla.  
 Chew, James, Thayer, Mo.  
 Conard, William J., Ellsworth, Ash Creek, and Kanaranzia, Minn.  
 Deakin, Samuel, Cowles and Pleasant Ridge, Neb.  
 Emerson, Frederic C., Glen Ullin, No. Dak.  
 Farnworth, Arthur, Nebraska City, Neb.  
 Fellows, Charles B., General Missionary at Granite Falls, Biwabik, Hibbing, and Eveleth, Minn.

Fisk, Wilbur, Freeborn, Minn.  
 Flook, Jacob, Omaha, Neb.  
 Franklin, Benjamin, Etna Mills, Cal.  
 Gerrie, William A., Embarrass, Wis.  
 Gilles, Elbert W., New York Mills, Minn.  
 Green, George Edmund, Canova and Dover, So. Dak.  
 Hensel, William A., Butte and Spencer, Neb.  
 Hjetland, John H., Williston, No. Dak.  
 Langdale, Thomas G., DeSmet, So. Dak.  
 Lich, Peter, Nelson, Neb.  
 Locke, Robert J., Turton, So. Dak.  
 Martin, Edwin, Erwin, So. Dak.  
 Michael, George, Detroit, Minn.  
 Mote, Henry William, Pacific Grove, Cal.  
 Newell, Arthur F., Lincoln, Neb.  
 Nutting, John D., Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Oehler, William, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Parker, L. J., Denison, Texas.  
 Perry, Frank S., Lawrence, Little Muskingum, Marietta, and Stanleyville, Ohio.  
 Plant, Miss Catharine, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Reynolds, Lauriston, Redfield, So. Dak.  
 Robbins, Anson H., Iroquois and Osceola, So. Dak.  
 Rood, Francis D., Avon Park, Fla.  
 Rouse, Thomas H., Bellevue, Fla.  
 Sacken, Frederick Osten, Rockville Center, N. Y.  
 Sherman, Miss Ella, Cheyenne, Wyo.  
 Smith, William E., Rockledge, Fla.  
 Townsend, Stephen J., Ocoee, Fla.  
 Webber, Edwin E., Centerville, So. Dak.  
 Whittlesey, Charles T., Eureka, Wash.  
 Williams, Mark W., Bruce and Apollonia, Wis.  
 Williams, Samuel, Riverton, Neb.

## RECEIPTS IN JANUARY, 1897

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 569 to 572

MAINE—\$1,308.61; of which legacy, \$1,000.

Received by J. L. Crosby, Treas. Me. Miss. Soc.	\$5 00
Auburn, Young Ladies' Mission Band of High Street Ch.	10 00
Bangor, First, by W. P. Hubbard	40 00
Central Ch., by G. S. Hall	50 00
Bath, on account of Legacy of Mary D. Moody, by J. R. Kelley and G. C. Moses, Exs.	1,000 00
Central Ch., by J. C. Ledyard	44 95
Belfast, First, by A. O. Stoddard	40 00
Ellsworth, by J. H. Brimmer	3 30
Jonesport, Woman's Soc., by Mrs. E. G. Sawyer	1 00
Minot Center, by Dea. J. E. Washburn	10 66
Portland, High Street Ch.	10 00
State Street Ch., by H. M. Bailey	10 00
Williston Ch., by A. S. Eurbank	73 30
Richmond, by S. E. McGeehon	5 00
Saco, First, by F. A. Lord	10 40

NEW HAMPSHIRE — \$434.32; of which legacy, \$50.

F. C. I. and H. M. Union of N. H., Miss A. A. McFarland, Treas.	
Bristol, Ladies' H. M. Soc. toward L. Mp. of Mrs. J. H. Brown	\$30 09

Concord, Y. P. S. C. E., First Ch.	\$12 00
A member of Cent Union of the First.	100 00
S. S. Primary class.	6 38
Keene, Primary Dept., S. S. of the Second	6 00
Rochester, Young Woman's Miss. Soc.	20 00
	<hr/> \$174 47
Berlin, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. J. B. Carruthers	7 00
Chester, P. P. A. Mills	5 00
Epping, A Friend	1 00
Exeter, A Friend	10 00
I. S. Shute, to const. M. A. Hatch and L. M.	50 00
Hanover, Estate of Andrew Moody, by J. K. Lord, Trustee	50 00
Littleton, First, by D. C. Renwick	18 01
Lyme, S. S., of which \$5 from Mrs. Gordon's S. S. class, Silver Circle, by Rev. C. E. Gordon	10 00
Manchester, Franklin Street Ch., by J. T. Carpenter	58 10
Newmarket, T. H. Wiswall	10 00
New Ipswich, Dea. J. E. F. Marsh	5 00
Orfordville, Mrs. A. L. Pierce	40
Pelham, A Friend	15 00
Peterboro, Extra-Cent-a-Day Band of Union Ch., by Miss J. M. Buckminster	3 00

Somerworth, A Friend.....	\$10 00
Temple, S. S., by M. N. Fisk.....	5 34
Warner, Mrs. R. W. Sargent.....	2 00

## VERMONT--\$267.48.

Vermont Domestic Miss. Soc., W.  
C. Tyler, Treas.:

Barton .....	\$13 00
Bennington, Second, to const. Dea. W. C. Hitch- cock a L. M. ....	55 55
Brattleboro, West.....	5 00
Chelsea.....	9 59
Weston .....	4 00
	87 14

Barre, A Friend.....	5 00
Berlin, by G. W. Dustin.....	2 70
Burlington, College St., by G. G. Benedict.....	53 80
Fair Haven, First, by R. H. Ball....	20 50
Manchester, Miss E. J. Kellogg.....	5 00
Middlebury, by N. P. Barbour.....	59 50
North Thetford, Mrs. M. B. Pratt....	10 00
Norwich, Miss S. J. Burton .....	4 40
Putney, A Friend.....	1 00
St. Albans, First, on account Gen. Howard Roll of Honor, special for the debt.....	7 00
South Royalton, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. G. Whitham .....	6 44
West Randolph, Mrs. F. S. Carter....	5 00

MASSACHUSETTS--\$13,972.86;  
of which legacies, \$2,666.70

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	8,000 00
By request of donors, of which \$45 for debt; Salary Fund, \$20; Roll of Honor, \$200 .....	554 59
For work among foreigners in the West .....	525 00

W. H. M. A., Miss A. C. Bridgman,  
Treas.:  
New Bedford, Aux., for Salary  
Fund.....

	200 00
Amherst, First, by B. H. Williams...	191 00
Arlington, by S. A. Fowle, Jr.....	126 25
Ayer, Legacy of Sally M. Page, by E. A. Richardson .....	100 00
Boston, W. A. Wilde, for Salary Fund .....	50 00
Cambridge, A Thank offering.....	3 00
Charlemont, S. S. of the First, by E. P. Smead .....	10 24
Dalton, Mrs. F. Couch.....	25 00
Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tol- man .....	160 86
Enfield, Mrs. M. P. McClary, by W. B. Kimball, for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Everett, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by Mrs. H. R. Grant.....	5 00
Fitchburg, Miss M. Gould .....	5 00
Hadley, Estate of J. B. Porter, by W. P. Porter, Trustee .....	34 40
Hatfield, Primary Dept. of S. S., by Mrs. R. Billings.....	3 00
Haverhill, C. Coffin.....	4 40
Holliston, Estate of George Batchel- der, by J. M. Batchelder.....	32 30
Holyoke, Jr. C. E. of the First, by C. H. Baird .....	10 00
Linden, Mrs. T. D. Goodhue.....	1 00
Lowell, Legacy of Mrs. L. M. Ely....	500 00
Highland Ch., by H. A. Smith.....	43 35

Ludlow, Jr. C. E. of the Union Ch., by Rev. A. J. Quick, special.....	\$5 00
Massachusetts, A Friend, by Rev. C. W. Shelton, for Vinita.....	1 50
Monson, E. F. Morris.....	150 00
By E. F. Morris.....	20 00
Montague, First, A Friend.....	10 00
Needham, S. S., for Salary Fund, by Rev. C. W. Shelton .....	7 48
Newton Center, Extra-Cent-a-Day Band, by S. F. Wilkins.....	15 09
Northampton, Dorcas Soc. of the First, by Mrs. J. E. Clark, for Sal- ary Fund.....	62 50
North Andover Depot, A. B. Chan- dler, in memory of her father.....	1 00
Pittsfield, First, by F. W. Dutton....	15 00
Rockland, First, by L. D. Perkins....	70 00
Salem, Young Ladies' Miss. Soc. of the Tab. Ch., by Mrs. J. P. Hale...	4 00
Shelburne, Z. D. Bardwell, to const. Mrs. J. Goodrich a L. M.....	50 00
South Amherst, Y. P. S. C. E. of South Ch., by Rev. J. F. Gleason..	10 00
Southampton, S. S., by W. A. Parsons	30 04
South Framingham, H. A. P., \$10; E. A. P., \$5, by H. A. Pike.....	15 00
South Hadley Falls, Miss E. Gaylord	50 00
South Hadley, Mt. Holyoke College, Dime Banks of Miss E. Redman, Miss H. Swift, Miss F. M. Hazen, by Miss F. M. Hazen.....	10 00
Silver Circle, by Mrs. L. H. Porter	5 00
Springfield, Mrs. A. Baker, by Mrs. S. M. Coe.....	1 00
"The Benev. Fund" of the Park Ch., by W. W. Gowdy.....	70 25
Opportunity Club of the South Ch., by F. Lincoln.....	25 00
Three Rivers, Union Evan. Ch., by Rev. G. S. Butler.....	120 00
Ware, Silver Circle, Mrs. G. E. Tucker, \$5; Mrs. C. J. Sage, \$5; Miss S. R. Sage, \$5; Mrs. H. N. Hyde, \$5; Miss H. S. Hyde, \$5....	25 00
Warren, by G. E. Tarbell.....	290 00
Westfield, First, by M. E. Searle. ...	181 27
A Friend.....	1 00
West Newbury, S. S. of the Second, by Miss J. H. Bailey.....	12 34
Williamsburg, by H. W. Hill.....	25 00
Wollaston Heights, A Friend.....	5 00
Worcester Co., E. B.....	1 00
Worcester, Legacy of William T. Merrifield, by H. K. Merrifield, Ex.	2,000 00

RHODE ISLAND--\$2,589.50; of which  
legacy, \$2,500.00.

North Stonington, by T. S. Wheeler..	89 50
Providence, Estate of John E. Troup, by R. I. Hospital Trust Co., Adm ..	2,500 00

## CONNECTICUT--\$3,151.23.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.....	384 06
Woman's H. M. Union of Conn., Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.: Enfield, The L. Benev. Soc., by Mrs. K. Abbe, for Sal- ary Fund.....	\$5 00
Hartford, First, A Friend.....	25 00
Jr. Aux. in the First Ch., for Salary Fund.....	90 00
South Ch., Mrs. G. W. Moore.....	25 00
Kent, Aux., by Mrs. S. M. Roberts .....	60 00

Middletown, North Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Bunce, contents of Miss S. E. Bacon's Dime Bank.....	\$5 30
No. Ch., member of Silver Circle .....	5 10
New Britain, South Ch. L. B. S., by Miss M. E. Bingham, Silver Circle, \$5; Salary Fund, \$6.13.	11 13
South Ch., contents of Mrs. G. Root's Dime Bank.....	4 90
South Ch., Friend, for Salary Fund .....	1 00
South Ch., A Friend, Christmas offering, for Salary Fund .....	5 00
Norfolk, by S. A. Selden...	171 00
Sharon, for Salary Fund...	50 00
Wallingford, L. B. S., by Mrs. L. B. Bishop, for Salary Fund .....	100 00
Wauregan, Ladies' Benev. Soc., special .....	20 00
West Winsted, Second, Mrs. C. W. Gay, for Salary Fund.....	25 00
Woodstock, Aux., by Miss F. H. Butler .....	25 00
	<hr/> \$628 43

Berlin, "Golden Ridge Mission Circle," by F. M. Warren .....	25 00
Bethel, First, by A. H. Knox .....	164 10
Bridgeport, Mary Barnes Palmer Mission Circle of the First, by A. H. Hincks, for Salary Fund .....	25 00
Centerbrook and Ivoryton, by S. F. Parmelee .....	10 28
Chaplin, H. T. Crosby .....	2 40
Connecticut, Friends, by Rev. C. W. Shelton .....	3 00
Cromwell, by S. M. Savage .....	109 12
Danbury, First, by H. E. Averill, to const. J. L. Knapp and Mrs. M. Beltaire L. Ms .....	157 26
Dayville, S. S., by R. C. Harrington.	86
Deep River, by L. Kellogg .....	13 64
Easton, by S. B. Turney .....	6 00
East Woodstock, Two Friends.....	2 00
Ellsworth Ch., \$3.30; Y. P. S. C. E., \$7.10, by Dea. C. C. Dean .....	10 40
Fairfield, C. Bells .....	5 00
Farmington, A Friend.....	200 00
A Friend.....	50 00
Goshen, F. M. Wadhams.....	20 00
Greenwich, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second, by C. P. Child .....	5 15
Second, of the S. B. S. ....	10 00
Miss M. F. Choate .....	5 00
Hartford, Fourth Ch., by C. E. Miller	13 12
Theol. Sem. students, by R. B. Hall	3 00
K. S. Williams .....	10 00
H. M. Lyman .....	3 00
Higganum, by C. J. Gladwin.....	10 00
Kensington, First, by S. M. Cowles.	18 31
Lakeville, "Fidelia" .....	3 00
Lebanon, First, by Rev. W. S. Palmer	2 00
Two Ladies of the First.....	46 52
Ledyard, by G. Fanning.....	8 36
S. S., by J. M. Gray .....	1 42
Meriden, A Friend.....	5 00
Middletown, South Ch., by G. A. Craig	88 45
Monroe, by A. Wheeler .....	27 52
Mt. Vernon, by W. C. Driggs.....	15 00
New Hartford, Penny-a-Day Band of the North Ch. ....	5 32
New Haven, Center Ch. ....	10 00
Grand Avenue Ch., by W. Hemingway .....	50 00
Ladies' Mission Circle of the United Ch., by Miss R. M. Munger.....	50 00
I. M. B. D. ....	35 00

New London, First, by H. C. Learned	\$68 68
Newtown, by G. F. Duncombe.....	6 00
Norfolk, A Friend .....	10 00
Northfield, by H. C. Peck.....	20 00
By W. Maltby .....	4 00
Norwalk, First, by E. L. Boyer to const. G. H. Quintard a L. M. ...	83 78
S. S. of the First, by F. J. Curtis...	20 00
Norwich, Second.....	111 70
S. S. of the Second, by H. Lanz...	18 63
By F. H. Potter .....	10 00
Old Lyme, by W. F. Coult .....	76 85
Old Saybrook, by R. Chapman.....	35 25
Plainville, A Friend.....	5 00
A Friend .....	1 00
Pomfret, First, by Mrs. C. C. Williams.....	179 40
Rockville, Ladies' Aid Soc. of the Union Ch., by C. F. McLean.....	25 00
Sharon, First, by R. E. Goodwin...	41 15
Southbury, Mrs. H. Perry.....	2 00
Southington, by J. F. Pratt.....	87 70
Southport, A Friend.....	2 00
Stamford, M. W. Brown .....	2 00
Terryville, by A. B. Beach .....	20 62
Thompsonville, C. Kingsbury .....	5 00
Westport, Saugatuck Ch., by H. C. Woodworth.....	61 75
Windsor, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by Mrs. M. H. Barber.....	12 00

NEW YORK—\$1,588.77; of which legacy, \$200.00.

Received by W. Spalding,	
Treas.:	
Canandaigua .....	\$26 79
Chenango Forks .....	3 22
Columbus.....	25 00
Cortland.....	33 00
De Ruyter.....	7 40
Maine, a Friend.....	10 00
Randolph, \$26.19; S. S., \$2.35; Y. P. S. C. E., \$11.25 .....	39 79
Rensselaer Falls, \$6.88; S. S., \$1.....	7 88
Syracuse, Rev. E. Curtis.....	10 00
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Woman's H. M. Union, N. Y., Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:	
Barryville.....	\$5 00
Binghamton, First, Helpers .....	50 00
Brooklyn, Bushwick Avenue, King's Daughters, special.....	3 50
Tompkins Avenue, King's Daughters, for Salary Fund.....	50 00
Buffalo, First, toward the debt.....	50 00
Churchville, of which \$15 Silver Circle.....	20 00
Cortland, Silver Circle.....	5 00
Elmira, Park Ch., special.....	44 00
Homer, S. S.....	5 58
Ithaca, S. S.....	47 27
Middletown, First, Ladies' Guild, to const. Mrs. C. Lyon a L. M.....	77 09
Rutland.....	9 40
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Angola, by J. H. Mallows.....	10 00
Berkshire, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. J. Hough.....	4 50
Brooklyn, Lee Avenue, by C. H. Gillespie.....	16 00
J. L. Roberts.....	5 00
E. F. C. ....	5 00



Canandaigua, First, by H. C. Buell, for Salary Fund.....	\$100 00	Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Assoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.: Philadelphia, Penn., Central Ch., for Salary Fund.....	\$6 20
Fishkill-on-Hudson, Miss M. T. Kittredge ..	15 00	Audenried, Welsh Ch., by W. Hughes. Blossburg, Second, by Rev. J. T. Mathews.....	6 00 15 00
Flushing, S. S. of the First, by C. P. Harris.....	15 36	Braddock, First, by Rev. T. Addenbrook.....	4 75
Gaines, Ch. and S. S., by A. E. Benton.....	4 40	Edwardsville, Bethesda Ch., by Rev. D. L. Davis.....	7 00
Gloversville, by D. H. Tarr.....	69 75	Guy's Mills, Mrs. F. M. Guy.....	5 00
Lawrenceville, Mrs. L. Hulburd.....	2 00	Jermyn, Memorial Ch., by Rev. W. Surdial.....	10 00
Londonville, Legacy of Eliza McKissick, in memory of Mary M. Lyman, by Walter McEwan, Ex.....	200 00	Johnstown, First, by R. R. Thomas.. Mt. Carmel, S. S., by M. Davis.....	4 95 12 70
Middletown, First, add'l, by S. R. Corwin.....	6 23	Philadelphia, Kensington, by Rev. N. N. Bormose.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon, First, by J. M. Hurd... Mt. Sinai, mon. con., by S. J. Hopkins.....	65 00 10 42	Pittsburg, Cash.....	200 00
New York City, Mt. Hope, Christ Ch., by Rev. H. M. Brown.....	4 50	Pittston, First, by Rev. D. M. George. Plymouth, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. W. L. Evans.....	10 74 5 00
Bedford Park, by W. R. Post.....	7 30	Puritan Ch., by T. McKay.....	7 00
Tremont, Children of Trinity Ch., by C. W. Stoughton.....	16 00	Welsh Ch., by W. T. Jones.....	13 00
Spanish, by Rev. J. M. Lopez.....	5 00	Renovo, Scand., by Rev. B. O. Johnson.....	2 00
Welsh Ch.....	10 00	Scranton, Puritan Ch., by Rev. N. Matthews.....	5 00
Mrs. J. Billings, special.....	100 00		
S. E. Gillum.....	25 00		
Northfield, Union Miss. Soc., by W. S. Webb.....	14 00		
Northville, S. S., by H. Luce.....	18 00		
Norwich, First, by J. McCaw, to const. Rev. E. J. Klock, M.A., a L. M.....	50 90		
Orient, by M. B. Brown, for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor.....	100 00		
Oswego, by W. B. Couch.....	22 09		
Owego, First, by E. E. Strait.....	15 00		
Sherburne, S. S. of the First, by R. Marvin.....	21 71		
C. S. Gorton.....	75 00		
Spencerport, S. S. of the First, by A. McIntyre.....	8 88		
Syracuse, S. S. class, Silver Circle, by Mrs. W. Nichols.....	5 00		
Tallmans, First, by T. W. Springston. Wadham's Mills, by Rev. E. J. Abbott.....	10 00 5 50		
West Brook, by T. S. Hoyt.....	3 31		
West Groton, by Rev. J. Cunningham.....	13 00		

## NEW JERSEY—\$393.59.

Woman's H. M. Union of the N. J. Assoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:	
Bound Brook.....	\$22 00
Montclair, First, for Salary Fund.....	50 00
Orange Valley, for Salary Fund.....	60 00
Ch., for Salary Fund.....	7 00
Bound Brook, Y. P. S. C. E.....	139 00
Closter, First, by Mrs. I. H. Demarest	6 22
East Orange, K.....	100 00
Passaic, A Friend.....	2 00
Paterson, W. Mitchell.....	30 00
Somerville, Mrs. F. Lyman, "In Memoriam".....	10 00
Upper Montclair, Christian Union Ch., by G. N. Bostwick.....	100 00

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$339.34.

Woman's Missionary Union, Penn., Mrs. T. W. Jones, Treas.:	
Kane.....	\$5 00
Meadville.....	10 00
Ridgway.....	5 00

## MARYLAND—\$173.01.

Baltimore, First, by C. S. Houghton. Canton Ch., by Rev. T. M. Beadenkoff.....	63 01 10 00
Frederick City, A Friend.....	100 00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$733.01; of which legacy, \$701.44.	
Washington, Legacy of William Webb, by J. M. Vale, Esq.....	701 44
Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by A. A. Buck.....	21 57
Mrs. F. P. Burrows.....	5 00
Miss E. Foster, by Rev. R. H. Harper.....	5 00

## NORTH CAROLINA—\$2.98.

King's Mountain, by M. E. Newton..	2 98
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## GEORGIA—\$83.40.

Atlanta, Duluth Ch., \$1.30, and Braden, Antioch, 70c., by Rev. W. F. Brewer.....	2 00
Barnesville, \$25.50; Hoboken, \$1.30; Naylor, \$1, by Rev. S. C. McDaniel.	27 80
Columbus, by Rev. G. W. Cumbus...	5 75
Ft. Valley, by Rev. J. F. Blackburn...	7 60
Hoschton, by Rev. J. C. Forrester...	3 50
North Rome, Plainville, and Holland Springs, by Rev. J. W. Gilliam....	1 00
Pearson, Union Hill, by Rev. G. N. Smith.....	5 00
Powersville, Allen's Chapel, by Rev. W. C. Carter.....	4 00
Roberta, Clark's Mill, Magdalena, and Woodbury, Ga., by Rev. G. Horne.	10 00
Strickland, by Rev. A. J. Lyle.....	2 00
The Rock, Lipsey, Taylor, and Hendricks, by Rev. W. H. Graham.....	7 75
Zoar, \$3; Concord, \$2; Ebenret, \$1; Liberty, \$1, by Rev. M. G. Fleming	7 00



## ALABAMA—\$84.07.

Arbacoochee, by Rev. S. E. Bassett..	\$5 00
Art, Blackwood, and Wicksburg, by Rev. M. V. Marshall.....	5 65
Ashland, Millerville, and Milner, by Rev. T. Wright.....	8 75
Bluff Spring and New Site, by Rev. J. M. Gipson.....	3 70
Clanton, Mountain Spring, and South Calera, by Rev. J. L. Busby.....	2 50
Concord, \$5; Henderson, \$8.82, by Rev. N. H. Gibson.....	13 82
Dadeville, Ridge Ch., by Rev. J. Mathews.....	50
Echo, Friendship Ch., by Rev. E. Mathison.....	1 65
Judah Ch., by Rev. S. R. Branan..	1 20
Fairfield, St. Thomas Ch., by Rev. M. M. M. Schwarzauer.....	2 00
Fredonia, Mt. Pisgah, by Rev. M. Prescott.....	6 00
Gate City, by Rev. T. B. Haynie....	3 50
Haleyville, Union Grove Ch., by Rev. W. J. Thrasher.....	1 00
Jackson's Gap, Liberty Ch., by Rev. E. B. Gunn.....	75
Lamar, Rev. M. Prescott.....	1 00
Opelika, Mt. Jefferson Ch., by Rev. J. S. Holt.....	5 00
Phoenix City, Bethany Ch., by Rev. L. J. Biggers.....	2 00
Portersville and Ten Broeck, by Rev. J. M. Dobbs.....	1 25
Rose Hill and Hilton, by Rev. T. A. Pharr.....	2 25
Spio and Echo, by Rev. S. Weatherby Tallassee, Central, Kent, and Verbena, by Rev. A. C. Wells.....	2 45
Tilmore and Tidwell, by Rev. J. W. Grant.....	7 50
Upshaw, Houston, and Addison, Chs., by Rev. W. J. Robertson.....	5 00
Volina and Halton, by Rev. I. J. White.....	1 10

## LOUISIANA—\$47.10.

Boyce District, Pine Grove Ch., by Rev. W. C. Cudd.....	1 00
China, by Rev. C. F. Sheldon.....	12 23
Jennings, First, by Rev. G. N. Funk..	26 47
Lake Charles, Rev. C. F. Sheldon...	1 40
New Orleans, Morris Brown S. S., by E. H. Phillips.....	1 00
White Bay Springs, Friendship, and Oak Grove, by Rev. M. J. Owens..	5 00

## FLORIDA—\$133.04.

Boggy and Portland, by Rev. D. A. Simmons.....	1 20
Daytona, B.....	100 00
Jacksonville, Union Ch., by A. J. Wakefield.....	20 00
Longwood, Sr. Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.25; Jr. C. E. Soc., P. Hardaway, 14c., G. W. Hardaway, 8c., by Rev. G. W. Hardaway.....	1 47
Longwood and Palm Spring, by Rev. G. W. Hardaway.....	3 75
Manson and Coatsville, by Rev. S. B. Judah.....	1 50
Moos Bluff, by Rev. E. D. Luter.....	2 00
Vernon, Bonifay, and Dundee, by Rev. G. Lee.....	3 12
Collections for Ybor City Mission, \$69.44 ack. in February H. M.: Annual Meeting.....	\$13 03
Daytona, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00

East Coast Conference.....	\$4 35
Interlacken, Aux.....	5 00
Jacksonville, Aux.....	3 50
Longwood, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 08
New Smyrna, Aux.....	10 00
Sanford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
St. John's River Conference.....	1 48

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## TEXAS—\$24.55.

Dallas, First, \$11.25; Paris, First, \$13.30, by Rev. L. Rees.....	24 55
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## INDIAN TERRITORY—\$5.00.

McAlester, First, by Rev. W. H. Hicks.....	5 00
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## OKLAHOMA—\$48.06.

Alpha, Mt. Pisgah, Otter, and Parker, by Rev. W. Kelsey.....	7 00
Bulah, \$5.25; Park, \$3.97; Tabor, \$3, by Rev. J. F. Roberts.....	12 22
Choctaw City, 25c.; Minaha, \$3, by Rev. W. J. Siler.....	3 25
El Reno, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. W. M. Wellman.....	4 09
Enid, Plymouth, by Rev. J. S. Murphy	6 00
Payne Co., First and Union Chs., by Rev. I. A. Holbrook.....	10 00
Soldier Creek and Pleasant Valley, by Rev. O. G. Legrande.....	5 50

## ARIZONA—\$100.00.

Phoenix, F. W. Lyman.....	100 00
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## KENTUCKY—\$10.33.

Berea, Church of Christ, by T. J. Os- borne.....	10 33
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## OHIO—\$591.24.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.: Ashtabula, Second, by E. B. Schwacofer.....	\$4 55
Cincinnati, Vine Street, by J. R. Henderson.....	14 75
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by J. Snow, in full to const. Mrs. A. J. Smith, Miss Florence L. Cozad, and H. T. Loomis L. Ms.	69 62
Columbus, North, Birthday offering, by J. A. Rhoads.....	7 38
Cuyahoga Falls, Y. L. M. S., \$12; S. S., \$5, by Rev. H. Stauffer.....	17 00
East Greenville, by E. P. Blethyn.....	3 00
Granville, by Rev. D. Jones, D.D.....	10 00
Kent, by C. M. Power.....	15 11
Kingsville, Miss Eliza S. Comings.....	5 00
Lodi, by A. B. Taylor.....	10 54
Mansfield, Mayflower C. E., by Mrs. C. B. DePue.....	2 00
North Amherst.....	9 00
Norwalk, S. S., by F. Husted.....	20 87
Pettisville, by Rev. W. D. Trover.....	3 94
Pittsfield, by Miss A. F. Whitney.....	10 00

Ridgeville Corners, by Rev. W. D. Trover.....	\$2 83
Sandusky, by H. H. West..	27 05
Sharon, Penn., S. S., by W. J. Thomas.....	3 84
Thomastown, by Miss R. Davies.....	4 00

\$240 48

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D., Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:	
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, by J. Snow.....	\$32 98
Plymouth, Christmas offering, by S. H. Stilson.....	66 65
Woman's H. M. Union, by Mrs. G. B. Brown:	
Cleveland, First.....	12 26
Plymouth.....	5 00
Lakeview.....	5 00
Garrettsville.....	3 00
Huntsburg.....	5 00
Marietta, First.....	10 00
Norwalk.....	2 25
Painesville.....	3 50
Wauseon, S. S., Bible Readers Home.....	3 98
West Williamsfield.....	11 00

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas:	
Belpre.....	\$4 00
Cincinnati, Vine Dime banks from S. S. classes of Miss K. A. Strieber and Miss M. L. Brickley....	10 00
Vine.....	5 00
Cleveland, First.....	12 26
Columbus, Eastwood, J. Lindsey's Dime bank....	5 00
Geneva, Mrs. S. P. Searles' Dime bank.....	5 00
Gustavus.....	5 00
Hudson.....	6 50
Oberlin, First, L. A. S., Mrs. Harmon's Dime bank, \$5; H. Hustids, 90c.	5 90
Sandusky, Miss S. E. Clark's bank.....	5 00
Springfield, First, Y. P. S. C. E.....	15 00
Unionville.....	5 00

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Ashland, I. O. Jennings.....	4 40
Ashtabula Harbor, Finnish, by Rev. F. Lehtinen.....	2 00
Cincinnati, Columbia Ch., by J. N. Cole.....	6 00
Claridon, M. J. Wilmot.....	5 00
Croton, \$3.50; Lock, \$3.48, by Rev. J. W. Dickson.....	6 98
Kirtland, by G. P. Curtis.....	1 27
Oberlin, First, by A. M. Loveland...	30 80
Second, by N. Huckins.....	21 69
Springfield, First Ch. and S. S., by H. G. Forbes.....	11 65
Wellington, First, by A. R. Palmer..	11 69
West Williamsfield, by C. R. Coleman.....	5 00

## INDIANA—\$142.69.

Received by Rev. E. D. Curtis:	
Anderson, Hope Ch.....	\$10 40
Fort Wayne, Plymouth Ch.....	55 00
Michigan City, Sanborn Memorial.....	5 00

70 40

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Treas.:	
Bremen.....	\$1 00
Indianapolis, Mayflower...	31 29
Terre Haute, First.....	25 00

\$57 29

Fairmount, First, by Rev. L. White..	15 00
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ILLINOIS—\$1,087.92; of which legacy, \$981.52.

Illinois Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. J. Tompkins, for Salary Fund.....	100 00
Griggsville, Estate of Jabez D. Philbrick.....	981 52
Hamilton, A. L. Miller.....	1 40
Tiskilwa, G. C. Kellogg.....	5 00

MISSOURI—\$429.86.

Aurora, First, by Rev. A. M. Beman.	15 10
Bonne Terre, by Rev. J. B. Fiske....	75 00
De Soto, J. E. Jones, M.D.....	9 25
Eldon, by H. Phillips.....	4 00
Glasgow, Mrs. J. Trowbridge.....	2 00
Kidder, by Rev. A. L. Gridley.....	26 15
Maplewood, Miss. Soc. of the S. S. of the Ch. of the Covenant, by S. C. Greene.....	2 90
Pierce City, First, \$23.01; Jr. C. E. Soc., \$2, by W. A. Rhea.....	25 01
St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., by G. L. Day.	200 00
Reber Place Ch., by Rev. F. Stringer.....	18 00
Seymour, J. M. Anderson.....	5 00
Springfield, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. J. C. Reeve.....	5 00
German Chs., by Rev. J. F. Graef..	12 50
Webster Groves, First, by Mrs. E. Ticknor.....	29 95

MICHIGAN—\$5.40.

Grand Rapids, Mrs. H. R. Peck.....	1 00
Jackson, R. M. Bennett.....	4 40

WISCONSIN—\$16.46.

Coloma, by Rev. I. Jones.....	2 50
Glenwood, Swedish Ch., by Rev. O. Ohlson.....	1 75
Maple Valley, Scand., by Rev. A. J. Andrewson.....	2 51
Norrie, \$1.18; Birnamwood, \$3.02, by Rev. T. G. Grassie.....	4 20
West Superior, Hope Ch., by Rev. J. Kimball.....	5 00
Wood Lake and Doctor's Lake, Swedish Ch., by Rev. N. I. Nelson.....	50

IOWA—\$72.80; of which legacy, \$36.90.

Charles City, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. of the First, by F. A. Sloum.....	4 00
Des Moines, Rollins Farm, Estate of Mrs. H. L. Rollins, by S. A. Merrill, Ex.....	36 90
Galt, C. J. Gillett, by S. A. Martin...	2 00
Muscatine, Friends.....	9 40
Traer, Mrs. T. F. Clark's S. S. class, by Mrs. T. H. Best.....	12 00
Wilton Junction, German, by Rev. E. G. L. Mannhardt.....	8 50

## MINNESOTA—\$133.81.

Clearwater, by Rev. J. L. Jones.....	\$2 00
Hopkins, Mizpah Ch., by Rev. M. A. Stevens.....	3 25
Minneapolis, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, special.....	50 00
Swedish Free Mission Temple, by A. B. Johnson.....	3 03
Monticello, First, by Rev. R. S. Cross.....	9 10
Morris, by A. A. Stone.....	8 58
Princeton, by G. A. Eaton.....	3 80
Red Wing, D. C. Hill.....	5 00
Robbinsdale, by Rev. S. J. Rogers....	23 00
Silver Lake, Bohemian Free Reformed Ch., by J. S. Jerabek.....	16 00
Tyler, by Rev. W. Lodwick.....	2 05
Verndale, by Rev. R. W. Harlow.....	8 00

## KANSAS—\$422.96.

Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas.:	
Fredonia, Harvest Festival.....	\$1 25
Independence.....	2 32
Ingraham Memorial.....	3 00
Muscotah.....	9 45
Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 10
Olathe.....	7 00
Children's Festival.....	13 25
Stafford.....	1 07
Topeka, Central Ch.....	3 54

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Treas., to const. Mrs. S. E. Bell, Mrs. A. S. Ham, and Mrs. M. H. Jaquith L. Ms.:	
Burlington.....	\$5 00
Council Grove.....	10 00
Clay Center.....	10 00
Downs.....	3 30
Emporia.....	20 00
Eureka.....	10 00
Goodland.....	1 50
Hiawatha.....	10 00
Indianapolis.....	10 80
Kirwin.....	2 50
Kansas City, Pilgrim.....	2 50
Wyandotte Forest.....	5 00
Leona.....	1 12
Lawrence, Plymouth.....	35 15
Lowell, Mass., Mrs. H. M. Bigelow.....	1 00
Newton.....	4 00
Neosho Falls.....	2 00
Nickerson.....	1 50
Osawatimie.....	2 20
Jr. C. E.....	11 00
Plevna.....	4 00
Sedgwick, C. E.....	2 00
Sunnyside, Miss Pond.....	2 00
Sterling.....	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 00
Topeka, Mount Vernon, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00
Mrs. M. L. Sherman.....	50
Central Ch.....	3 50
Wabauensee.....	8 67
Wakarusa Valley.....	2 00
White Cloud.....	1 00
Wichita, Fairmount.....	10 00

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Less expenses..... 3 88

Brookville, by Rev. J. H. Embree....	12 50
Emporia, First, by J. N. Wilkinson....	53 27
Hiawatha, by Rev. I. M. Waldrop....	30 00

Leavenworth, First, by Mrs. J. W. Johnson.....	\$48 75
Lenora, First, by Rev. T. H. Gourley.....	87
Newton, First, by Rev. F. W. Hemenway.....	26 00
Ocheltree, "Harvest Festival 1895," by Rev. L. P. Broad.....	9 00
Onaga, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. O'Meara.....	2 17
Rush Center, by Rev. G. H. Hull.....	3 06
Valeda, by Rev. F. Grey.....	3 00

## NEBRASKA—\$725.12.

Neb. H. M. Soc., by Rev. H. Bross	
Ainsworth, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	15 00

## Received by H. G. Smith, Treas.:

Albion, to const. Rev. L. H. Stoughton a L. M.....	\$50 00
Arlington.....	1 75
Aurora.....	23 41
Beatrice.....	17 55
Bertrand.....	5 00
Chadron, to const. Rev. A. E. Ricker a L. M.....	50 00
Exeter.....	50
Franklin.....	46 40
Geneva.....	8 60
S. S., \$2.36; C. E., \$1.56; Jr. C. E., 48c.....	4 40
Genoa.....	5 00
Greenwood.....	2 39
Lincoln, Vine Street.....	24 53
Omaha, Plymouth.....	4 60
Pilgrim.....	1 71
St. Mary's Avenue.....	95 00
Petersburg.....	5 00
Rising City.....	9 26
Verdon.....	5 10
Wisner.....	6 77
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. C. W. Doane, Asst. Treas.....	250 00

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## Received by Rev. M. E. Eversz:

Friend, \$3.22; Turkey Creek, \$1.98; Guide Rock and Beaver Creek, by W. Adams, \$1.80.....	7 00
Arcadia, by Rev. J. F. Smith.....	10 10
Crete, German Ch., by Rev. W. Fritzemeier.....	3 25
Farnam, by Rev. E. E. Sprague.....	5 00
Germantown, Oak Grove, German Ch., by Rev. F. Woth.....	3 50
Inland, by D. Stimbert.....	2 25
Lincoln, German Ch., by Rev. J. Lich.....	20 00
Ogalalla, by Rev. W. S. Hampton.....	12 80
Petersburg, by Rev. T. Griffiths.....	5 00
Pierce, by A. A. Lindsay.....	14 00
Santee Agency, Edith Leonard.....	10 25

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$111.55.

Carrington, Ch. of Christ, by Rev. J. L. Jones.....	15 55
Cooperstown, by Rev. E. S. Shaw....	17 63
Dexter, Rev. S. F. Porter.....	5 00
Fargo, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. J. Orchard.....	6 47
Jamestown, \$9.25; S. S., \$5, by Rev. C. H. Phillips.....	14 25
Langdon, by Mrs. D. Woolner.....	6 00
Melville, by Rev. E. Halsall.....	5 00
Oberon, First, \$6.65; Ladies' Miss'y Union, \$10, by Rev. O. P. Champ- lin.....	16 65
Wahpeton, First, by R. T. Barber....	25 00

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## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$94.26.

Received by Rev. M. E. Eversz : Mount City, Peters Ch., \$7; Friedens, \$3; and Israels Ch., \$6, by Rev. H. Vogler.....	\$16 00
Aberdeen, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. T. J. Dent.....	2 41
Armour, by Rev. W. B. Hubbard....	23 00
Canova, Cambria Ch., by Rev. T. P. Reese.....	3 00
Carthage, Pilgrim, Redstone, and Esmond, by Rev. G. W. Crater.....	11 30
Frankfort, by Rev. D. R. Tomlin....	5 00
Glenview, by Rev. M. Doty.....	6 00
Henry, by Rev. F. L. Drew.....	5 00
Iroquois, Birthday Box of the S. S., by Rev. A. H. Robbins.....	1 55
Mission Hill, by Rev. D. B. Nichols..	2 00
Myron, by Rev. G. L. Helms.....	2 00
Rapid City, First, by J. W. Barron....	3 00
Ree Heights, Spring Hills, Greenleaf, and Midland, by Rev. P. B. Fisk....	1 50
Springfield, Wanari, Running Water, and Kirkwood, by Rev. C. Secombe..	3 00
Wakonda, by Rev. J. M. Bates.....	5 75
Ward Academy and Kirkwood, by Rev. L. E. Camfield.....	3 75

## COLORADO—\$72.35.

Coal Creek, Union Ch., by Rev. G. A. Chatfield.....	8 45
Globeville, First German, by Rev. A. Trandt.....	3 65
Grand Junction, First, by Rev. S. F. Dickinson.....	7 20
Greeley, Park Ch., by Mrs. E. C. Pal- mer.....	21 15
Lyons, by Rev. C. H. Harger.....	3 50
Pueblo, First, by H. Sanderson.....	12 00
Pilgrim, by Rev. C. T. Wheeler....	13 40
Steamboat Springs, Ch., by Rev. E. I. Grinnell.....	3 00

## MONTANA—\$18.05.

Castle, Rev. Mrs. A. S. Barnes, Silver Circle.....	5 30
Great Falls, First, by Rev. W. N. Moore.....	3 00
Livingston, \$3.75; Rimini, \$1, by Rev. W. S. Bell.....	4 75
Missoula and Bonner, by Rev. O. C. Clark.....	5 00

## UTAH—\$44.05.

Park City, First, by G. D. Gregor....	44 05
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## IDAHO \$26.80.

Challis, by Rev. C. C. Mason.....	10 55
Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. L. C. Cole, Treas. : Challis.....	16 25

## CALIFORNIA—\$1,836.95.

Received by John McKee.: Benicia, Rev. S. Skeyley, to const. Mrs. H. C. Watkins a L.M. \$50 00	
Benicia.....	10 75
Berkeley, First, by J. L. Barker.....	50 00
First.....	1 50

Cloverdale.....	\$10 80
Crocket, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50
Dougherty.....	2 00
Fresno.....	8 50
Fruitvale.....	14 50
Galt.....	1 50
Green Valley, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 10
Lodi.....	4 00
Lorin.....	6 50
Mill Valley.....	10 00
Oakland, First S. S.....	40 00
First Ch.....	500 00
Oleander.....	9 00
Pacific Grove.....	16 00
Plymouth, S. S.....	12 70
San Francisco, First.....	20 00
Plymouth.....	14 00
Sebastopol, S. S.....	4 25
Soquel.....	9 50
Thermaito, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 25
M. E. Walcott.....	1 50
West Side Union.....	30 00
Woodland.....	10 00
Wyandotte.....	2 60
E. Coleman.....	500 00
Mr. Warne.....	50
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. M. Haven, Treas.....	194 00
Oakland, Young Ladies of the First, to const. Mrs. C. R. Brown and Mrs. M. Gawthorne L. Ms....	100 00
Mrs. G. H. Gray.....	15 00

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Woman's H. M. Union Southern Cali- fornia, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Treas.:	
Bloomington.....	\$1 10
Chula Vista, S. S.....	1 26
East Los Angeles, S. S.....	4 27
Los Angeles, S. S. of the First.....	10 00
San Bernardino, S. S.....	3 07
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	5 50
Sierra Madre, S. S.....	1 80
San Diego, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First.....	10 00

37 00

Alhambra, Mrs. A. A. Thompson....	1 00
Bakersfield, First, by Rev. J. W. Phillips.....	3 50
Byron and Bethany, by Rev. W. Butler.....	10 00
Highlands, S. S., by S. H. Barrett....	4 00
Monrovia, by Rev. C. S. Vaile.....	5 00
Ontario, by Rev. A. E. Tracy.....	50 00
Pasadena, A. K. Nash, to const. Miss K. Nash a L. M.....	50 00
Rosedale and Poso, by Rev. A. K. Johnson.....	10 00
San Diego, Second and La Mesa, by Rev. T. R. Earl.....	5 00
Tulare, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. D. Weage.....	3 50
Turlock, by Rev. L. N. Barber.....	2 00

## OREGON—\$137.51.

Received by I. A. Macrum, Treas. H. M. Soc. : Portland, Salem Ch., Messrs. Gil- bert Bros. ....	14 00
Astoria, First, by Rev. E. S. Bollinger	5 00
Beaverton and Tualatin, by Rev. W. Hurlburt.....	3 50
Corvallis, First and Plymouth, by H. J. Zercher.....	1 25
Forest Grove, \$5; Oregon City, Y. P. S. C. E., \$7.72, by Rev. C. F. Clapp	12 72



Oregon City, by F. F. White.....	\$10 57	Almira, \$2; St. John, \$2.35; Wash., and Wardner, Idaho, Mrs. Smith, \$1; by Rev. T. W. Walters.....	\$5 35
Oswego, Leland, and Beaver Creek, by Rev. R. M. Jones.....	1 00	Dayton, by Rev. F. B. Doane.....	3 34
Pendleton, First, by Rev. F. W. Parker.....	8 00	Marysville and Edison, by Rev. R. Bushell.....	4 00
Portland, Hassalo Street S. S., by I. A. Macrum, Treas. Or. H. M. Soc. By D. D. Clark, thro. I. A. Macrum, Treas. Or. H. M. Soc.....	4 15	Natchez, \$3.91; North Yakima, \$11, by Rev. R. B. Hassell.....	14 91
Scappoose, by Rev. C. E. Philbrook..	3 25	Ritzville, German Ch., by Rev. G. Schenerle.....	12 15
		Seattle, Taylor Ch., by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	4 00
WASHINGTON—\$219.90.		Edgewater Ch., by Rev. J. T. Nichols.....	5 15
Received by Rev. A. J. Bailey :		Snohomish, First Ch., add'l, by Rev. W. C. Merritt.....	17 45
Aberdeen, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$5 00	Tolt, by Rev. G. Kindred.....	2 00
Colville.....	11 05	Washougal, Mt. Pleasant Ch., by Rev. G. Baker.....	3 00
Seattle, Plymouth Ch.....	126 35	HOME MISSIONARY.....	117 75
	142 40		\$31,797 68
Alderton, McMillen, and Orting, by Rev. O. L. Fowler.....	6 15		

Contributions in January, excluding contributions for the debt.....	\$27,244 08
Legacies in January.....	8,136 54
Contributions for the debt in January.....	452 00
Total receipts in January.....	\$35,832 62

## Contributions for the debt to February 1st :

General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$88,256 58
Special for debt.....	9,037 61
	\$97,294 19

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Brooklyn, N. Y., The King's Daughters of Tompkins Ave. Ch., by M. H. Pearsall, five barrels.....	\$550 00	Redwood City, by May W. Maar, box.....	\$15 00
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Central Ch., by Mrs. William G. Hoople, five bar- rels.....	357 00	Sacramento, Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. H. N. Hoyt, two boxes	63 00
Zenana Band of Central Ch., by Miss Grace C. Sawyer, two barrels.....	225 00	San Francisco, Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Warren, box..	134 00
California :		Ladies' Aid Soc. of Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. D. M. Gove, two boxes..	100 00
Alameda, Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. C. F. Franks, barrel.....	40 00	Ladies' Aid Soc. of Third Ch., by Sophie W. Rader, box.....	60 00
Pansy Class of the Primary Dept. of First Ch., by Mrs. L. T. Snow, box.....	35 00	Ladies' Aid Soc. of Bethany Ch., by Mrs. W. Pond, package.....	8 00
Berkeley, Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. May B. Hatch, two boxes and two packages.....	48 95	Dorcas Circle of King's Daughters of Park Ch., by Linda Johnson, box.....	50 00
First Ch., Theodora Soc., by Miss Georgia Baker, box.....	15 00	San José, Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Mary H. Edwards, box and six packages.....	75 00
Ladies' Miss. Soc. of North Ch., by Miss Marden, two packages.....	8 00	Santa Cruz, by M. Bessie Green, box.	12 00
Campbell, Young Ladies' S. S. Class, by Miss E. B. Williams, two pack- ages.....	25 00	Stockton, by Mrs. E. N. Drury, box.	60 00
East Oakland, Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. W. J. Wilcox, box and two barrels.		Cambria, N. Y., Ladies, by Miss M. E. Whitnell, box.....	10 00
Glen Ellen, First Ch., by Elizabeth Clarke, box, barrel, and package...	37 50	Chicago, Ill., Woman's Asso. of South Ch., by Mrs. A. E. Whitaker, four barrels.....	296 58
Oakland, Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Giles Gray, two boxes.....	131 50	Cleveland, O., Y. L. M. S. of Euclid Ave. Ch., by Mrs. S. R. Gardiner, box.....	15 00
Home Miss. Daughters of First Ch., by Carrie Potter, box and pack- age.....	49 50	Colchester, Conn., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Fannie S. Curtis, box.....	
Market Street Ch., by Mrs. F. Per- kins, box and package.....	12 00	Cromwell, Conn., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Emma F. Savage, package.....	16 00
Pacific Grove, Mayflower Ch., by Mrs. J. L. Colerick, box.....	18 50	Elyria, O., W. H. M. U., by M. N. Gar- ford, box.....	159 34
		Hartford, South Ch., by Mrs. M. H. Graves, two barrels and package...	152 36
		Four Ladies, by Mrs. M. H. Graves, cash.....	20 00

Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. S. M. Capron, three boxes.....	\$346 53	North Ridgeville, O., Ladies, by Mrs. J. P. Reidinger, barrel.....	
Henrietta, N. Y., Home and Foreign Miss. Soc., by Mrs. H. A. Burger, barrel.....	21 26	Norwich, Conn., L. H. M. S. of Park Ch., by Mrs. L. G. Lane.....	\$150 00
Homer, N. Y., Ladies' Aid and H. M. Soc., by Mrs. L. H. Tuthill, barrel....	50 00	W. H. M. S. of Broadway Ch., by Mrs. S. B. Bishop, four boxes.....	538 67
Jersey City Heights, N. J., Waverly Ch., by Rev. J. C. Emery, two barrels....	65 00	Portland, Me., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Williston Ch., by Mrs. W. M. Cheney, barrel.....	75 00
Kansas City, Mo., First Ch., by Mrs. James W. Perkins, two barrels.....	70 03	Portsmouth, N. H., North Ch., by Susan J. Jewett, box.....	135 50
Locke, O., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, barrel.....	27 00	St. Albans, Vt., W. H. M. S., by Miss Emma L. MacDonald, two boxes....	104 04
Middletown, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. A. R. Crittenden, barrel.....	72 00	St. Johnsbury, Vt., W. H. M. S. of North Ch., by Mrs. C. W. Farr, three barrels.....	164 68
Milford, Conn., Miss. Soc. of Plymouth Ch., by Kate S. Tibbals, barrel.....	54 92	St. Louis, Mo., H. M. S. of Central Ch., by Miss E. Mullen, two barrels.....	103 90
Moravia, N. Y., by Mrs. T. T. Tuthill, box (and cash, \$10).....	57 00	Sharon, Conn., by Jane M. Goodwin, barrel.....	119 07
New Haven, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. John G. Lewis, six boxes.....	1,192 10	Somers, Conn., by Mrs. W. P. Fuller, barrel.....	60 51
United Church, by Sarah E. Champion, box.....	169 73	Warsaw, N. Y., L. H. M. S., by Mary D. Jenks, box.....	81 00
New London, Conn., Dorcas Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. J. W. Eggleston, box.....	125 00	Waterbury, Conn., L. B. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. Mary D. Griggs, box (and cash, \$15).....	129 00
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, by Mrs. H. W. Seamans, nine trunks.....	1,325 82	West Williamsfield, O., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. E. T. Wilcox, box.....	24 40
Hospital Book and Newspaper Soc., package.....		Windsor Locks, Conn., L. H. M. S., by Mrs. Chas. H. Coye, barrel.....	60 00
Northampton, Mass., Clarke School, by Helen M. Severence, box.....		Woodbridge, Conn., L. B. S., by Mrs. R. C. Newton, box.....	34 77
North Hampton, N. H., Ladies' Dorcas Circle, by Miss R. M. Chapman, barrel.....	45 12	Woodstock, Vt., W. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Miss C. A. Munger, box.....	20 00
			\$8,221 28

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Woman's Home Missionary Association in January, 1897. MRS. LOUISE A. KELLOGG, Secretary*

Allston, Aux., by Mrs. Emilie A. Raymond, four boxes.....	\$134 52	Norwood, Ladies, by Mrs. Geo. F. Willett, add'l.....	\$15 00
Boston, Park St. Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. E. Smith, barrel.....	76 00	Providence, R. I., Academy Avenue Ch., L. A. S., by Mrs. Josephine Kellogg, box.....	44 70
Brookline, Leyden Ch., Aux., by Miss H. A. Fillebrown, two barrels.....	170 00	Central Ch., Aux., by Mrs. T. B. Stockwell, two barrels.....	206 67
Danvers, First Ch., L. B. S., by Miss May P. Grover, barrel.....	81 75	Union Ch., Aux., by Mrs. Wm. Knight, two barrels.....	310 00
Maple St. Ch., Aux., by Mrs. E. A. Kemp, three barrels.....	168 48	Randolph, Aux., by Mrs. H. Maria Mann, barrel.....	30 50
Dorchester, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., by Mrs. C. H. Crockett, barrel.....	256 16	Springfield, Mrs. C. C. Lewis, barrel..	35 00
Essex, L., Ch., by Mrs. Mary C. Os-good, barrel.....	47 00	Stockbridge, L. H. M. S., by Mrs. C. P. Warner, barrel.....	70 72
Falmouth, Ladies, by Mrs. Louise S. Davis, barrel.....	71 25	Sunderland, Ladies, by Mrs. H. D. Graves, two boxes.....	138 60
Haverhill, North Ch., Bethany Asso., by Mrs. M. A. Le Bosquet, two barrels..	161 01	Ware, Gleaners, by Miss M. A. Barlow, barrel.....	40 00
Hinsdale, Ladies, by Mrs. M. C. Bingham, barrel.....	63 74	Wellesley Hills, Ladies, by Mrs. M. E. Souther, barrel.....	136 00
Holbrook, Aux., by Mrs. J. M. Thayer, barrel.....	30 00	Westerly, R. I., Ladies, by Miss Julia E. Smith, barrel.....	50 00
Holyoke, Second Ch., L. B. S., by Miss Agnes R. Allyn, \$7, and box.....	60 00	Westfield, Second Ch., by Mrs. Olin C. Fowle, barrel.....	98 84
Hyde Park, Aux., by Mrs. Mary Clark, barrel.....	76 91	West Medford, Aux., by Mrs. C. F. Kingsbury, barrel.....	51 10
Kingston, R. I., Ladies, by Mrs. M. A. Clark, barrel.....	50 00	Whitinsville, Ladies, by Miss Lila S. Whitin, box.....	147 75
Middleboro', Central Ch., H. H. S., by Miss Mabel L. Tobey, box and barrel.....	111 38	Williamstown, by Eleanor Ralston Duncan, barrel.....	170 89
Newton Highlands, C. H. M. S. C., by Mrs. J. F. C. Hyde, two barrels.....	143 22	Wollaston, Aux., by Mrs. Wm. S. Washburn, barrel.....	125 00
Northfield, Ladies, by Mrs. Mary T. Dutton, \$5, and two barrels.....	152 97		\$3,525 16

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from December 20, 1896, to January 20, 1897. WM. C. TYLER, Treasurer*

Barton.....	\$13 01	So. Hero and Grand Isle.....	\$15 75
For C. H. M. S.....	13 00	Townsend.....	25 00
Bellows Falls, First Ch.....	6 61	Waitsfield.....	9 50
Bennington, Second Ch., to const. Wm. M. Barrow, Mrs. J. S. Holden, and Mrs. E. E. Hart L. Ms.....	70 29	Westminster, West, Homer Goodhue, legacy.....	1,500 00
Second Ch., for C. H. M. S., to const. Dea. W. C. Hitchcock a L. M.....	55 55	Weston, for C. H. M. S.....	4 00
Brattleboro, Mrs. Mary L. Hadley.....	25 00	Whiting.....	6 26
West.....	20 88	Windham, Bank's Fund.....	1 00
For C. H. M. S.....	5 00	Interest.....	66 00
Burlington, College St. Ch.....	53 81	Vermont Missionary.....	28 25
Burke, for Women Evangelists.....	41 87		2,120 16
Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Safford.....	10 00	Woman's Home Miss. Union:	
Chelsea, for C. H. M. S.....	9 59	Berlin, W. H. M. S.....	\$4 00
Chester, S. S.....	9 50	Burlington, First Ch., W. H. M. S.....	10 00
Dorset.....	13 30	Cambridge, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Dover, West.....	2 00	Newbury, West, W. H. M. S.....	6 50
Essex Junction.....	4 60	Roxbury.....	10
S. S.....	5 72	Rutland, W. H. M. S.....	100 00
Harvard, Mass., C. C. Torrey.....	5 00	St. Johnsbury, No. Ch., W. H. M. S.....	35 00
Johnson, additional.....	3 00	Windsor, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Marlboro.....	8 28	Woodstock, W. H. M. S.....	20 00
Milton.....	3 62		185 60
New Haven.....	80 33		\$2,305 76
Orange Co. Conference.....	4 34		
Randolph Center, additional.....	10		

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in January, 1897. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treasurer*

Abington, First, by J. T. Richmond....	\$22 21	Old South, by Joseph H. Gray.....	\$460 00
A Grateful Christian.....	10 00	Park St., Coburn, Mrs. Helen G.....	200 00
Amesbury, Union, by John T. Bassett.....	9 00	Roslindale, "A Thank-offering".....	4 00
Andover, South, by T. F. Pratt.....	379 47	Roxbury, Eliot, by Alpeni McLean..	30 00
West, by F. S. Boutwell.....	30 52	Hill, Mrs. Chas. W., by A. McLean.....	25 00
Attleboro, Second, by Chas. E. Bliss (of which \$1.00 for debt).....	187 24	Member.....	50 00
Bank Balances, Dec. interest on.....	12 60	Highland, E.-C.-a-Day Band, by Joseph Esselen.....	35 00
Barnstable (Centerville), South, by Mrs. Owen Crosby.....	26 00	Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Ida Henderson.....	15 00
Barre, "A Thank-offering".....	10 00	Immanuel, Y. P. S. C. E., by C. E. Woodsun.....	7 21
Bedford, by W. M. Sawin.....	8 22	Walnut Ave., by F. O. Whitney....	93 45
Berlin, by Rev. Henry F. Markham....	20 00	Special for French Prot. Coll., by F. O. W.....	3 25
Beverly, Washington St., by Samuel L. Abbott, Jr.....	142 00	Boxborough, by A. W. Wetherbee.....	17 41
Boston, Allston, S. S., by J. E. Lounsbury.....	6 65	Boxford, West, by W. K. Cole.....	5 67
Charlestown, Winthrop, by Geo. S. Poole.....	135 57	Bradford, Ward Hill, by H. P. Waldo.....	3 00
Dorchester, Second, Barry, J. L., by Miss E. Tolman.....	10 00	Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith.....	8 56
E.-C.-a-Day Band, by Miss E. F. Merrill.....	10 00	Buckland, Bement, Mrs. E. D., by Ella M. Trow, for debt.....	5 00
Dunbar, Miss S. J.....	2 00	Cambridge, North Ave., by Adam K. Wilson.....	81 00
Joylin, Mrs. L. B.....	5 00	Cambridgeport, Leavitt, E. D.....	300 00
Mt. Vernon, Tucker, Mrs. J. T.....	5 00	Carlisle, by Mrs. W. B. Chamberlin....	9 00



Chelsea, Palmer, Mrs. Ruth G.....	\$1 00	Maynard, by W. H. Gutteridge.....	\$200 00
Chicopee, First, S. S., by C. G. Chapin.....	3 34	Melrose, by C. C. Goss.....	56 35
Third, S. S., by E. S. Wilcox.....	8 42	Highlands, by C. S. Newhall.....	2 80
China, A Friend, by A. B. C. F. M.....	10 00	Millbury, First, by Miss Carolyn Waters.....	25 24
Pang Chuang, Smith, Rev. Arthur H., by A. B. C. F. M.....	15 50	Natick, First, by Miss Bertha L. Randall.....	150 00
Clinton, First, Evan., by J. A. Field.....	31 34	New Braintree, by Chas. A. Gleason.....	30 00
Cummington, by Miss Fannie M. Porter.....	3 75	New Hampshire, Home Miss. Soc. for services in N. H. of Rev. H. K. Lanti- kian, \$75.00*	
Dalton, Crane, Miss Clara L.....	300 00	Newton (Center), First, by J. E. Rock- wood.....	382 19
Crane, Mrs. James B.....	200 00	Newton, Eliot, by Geo. N. Putnam (of wh. \$150 for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor).....	279 58
Crane, Miss Mollie.....	100 00	North Adams, by W. W. Richmond, for Gen. Howard Roll of Honor and to const. Frank H. Whitney and Robert A. Thompson L. Ms. of C. H. M. Soc.....	100 00
Crane, W. Murray.....	250 00	By W. W. Richmond, to const. Mat- thew Morrison, Peter McPhail, Fin- ley D. McIntyre, Prof. I. F. Hall, and Effie A. Cutting L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	259 00
Crane, Mrs. Z. M.....	300 00	S. S., by C. W. Ford, to const. Harriet M. Flood and Chas. W. Ford L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.....	117 79
Dedham, First, by Elijah Howe, Jr.....	182 29	Northampton, Edwards, Benev. Soc., by S. D. Drury.....	141 10
S. S., by Miss Sarah K. Burgess.....	12 07	Northbridge, Whitinsville, E.-C.-a-Day Band, by Mrs. C. E. Whitin.....	19 79
Douglas (East), Second, by T. H. Meek.....	47 12	North Brookfield, First, by John S. Cooke.....	41 89
East Bridgewater, Union, by Geo. M. Keith.....	4 65	Oxford, by Rev. A. E. Bradstreet, to const. Mrs. Mary E. Brown a L. M.....	45 43
Everett, "A Friend, M.".....	50 00	Palmer, Thorndike, by C. F. Smith.....	9 97
Fall River, First, by E. S. Thayer.....	152 13	Parkhurst, E. C. fund, Income of.....	15 00
Falmouth, North, by Ward Eldred.....	16 50	Pelham and Packardville, Union Ch., Ladies' Soc., by D. O. Chickering.....	5 00
Fitchburg, Davis, Grace W.....	5 00	Pepperell, by Charles Crosby.....	21 00
Rollstone, by S. H. Lowe, to const. Rev. W. O. Conrad, A. B. Peck, M. M. Keyes, and S. H. Lowe L. Ms.....	132 47	Pittsfield, First, by Frank W. Dutton.....	173 81
Foxboro, Phelps, Mrs. M. N.....	50 00	French Mission, by Rev. A. Bouteiller Plymouth, Chiltonville, by Rev. O. F. Davis.....	10 55
Framingham, Grace, by G. M. Amsden, Treas., Stereopticon offering.....	27 52	Rutan, Chas. H., by Miss L. B. Nick- erson.....	40 00
Frost, Rufus S., Chapel Trust Fund, In- come.....	30 00	Pilgrimage, by H. N. P. Hubbard.....	35 02
Gardner, First, by D. H. Rand.....	100 00	Reed, Dwight fund, Income of.....	90 00
Georgetown, First, by Mrs. Alice C. Noyes.....	8 52	Salem, South, by Joseph A. Dane.....	50 00
Gloucester, Trinity, by Joseph O. Procter.....	129 90	Scituate, by L. L. Perry.....	4 50
Grafton, Saundersville, Union, by Jas. T. Shirley.....	10 00	Sherborn, Pilgrim, by Lowell Coolidge.....	25 00
Hadley, First, S. S., by M. S. Pierce.....	21 00	Shirley, A Friend, "Relief".....	5 00
Halifax, by Rev. Louis Ellms.....	6 50	Somerville, A Friend, "M.".....	50
Harvard, by J. W. Bacon.....	20 00	East, Howard, Mrs. Henry.....	10 00
Haverhill, West, Ch., \$17.00; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.08, by W. F. Poore.....	19 08	Prospect Hill, by Geo. W. Snow.....	61 71
S. S., by Henry A. Poore.....	26 27	Southbridge, by Edwin S. Swift.....	20 71
Hingham, Bethany, by H. O. Beale.....	2 00	Spencer, First, by F. E. Dunton.....	305 43
Hinsdale, by M. M. Wentworth.....	6 29	Springfield, Emmanuel, by H. V. R. Schermerhorn.....	7 10
Hopkinton, S. S., Primary Class, by S. I. Valentine.....	4 56	Olivet, by Edward C. Hazen.....	58 48
Hubbardston, by L. H. Grimes.....	3 55	Sharrocks, Minnie D.....	5 00
Ipswich, First, by N. R. Farley.....	51 90	South, by J. Stuart Kirkham.....	301 65
South, by Rev. T. F. Waters.....	62 00	Stockbridge, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. C. E. Rich, toward salary of Rev. J. A. Rood.....	8 00
Jessup, C. A., fund, Income of.....	150 00	Swampscott, by Rev. George A. Jack- son.....	30 50
Lancaster, Evan., by L. Rowell.....	7 65	Tolland, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	20 00
S. S., Penny Collection, by Miss E. F. Merrick.....	5 00	Truro, First, by John B. Dyer.....	13 50
Lawrence, Lawrence St. (with \$200.00* for local Armenian Work), by C. K. Pillsbury.....	37 37	Upton, by A. Wiswall, Treas., Taft thank-offering, add'l.....	50
Leicester, First, by John W. Robinson.....	77 32	Wakefield, First, by W. P. Preston (of which \$2.00 for Rev. W. S. Hawkes' work).....	28 06
Lexington, Hancock, by Alvah C. Stone.....	27 52	Ware, French Ch., by Rev. L. E. Ri- vard.....	12 00
Lincoln, First, by E. F. Doane.....	105 00	Wendell, by Mrs. Ellen L. Baker.....	6 42
Lowell, First Trinitarian, by I. Warren Bisbee.....	42 76	Wenham, by Joseph P. Lovering, Treas. Boys' and Girls' H. M. Army, by Er- nest C. Brown.....	2 75
Highland, by Rev. C. W. Huntington, for local Armenian Work, \$20.00* W. H. Miss. Soc., by Rev. C. W. Huntington, for local Armenian Work, \$5.00* John St., by Rev. C. W. Huntington, for local Armenian Work, \$25.00* Kirk St., by A. L. Thompson.....	300 00		
By Rev. C. W. Huntington, for local Armenian Work, \$40.00* Swede Ch., by Nills O. Delgren.....	7 00		
Lynn, Central, by Isaac K. Harris.....	25 00		
Malden, A Friend.....	100 00		
Mansfield, Woman's Miss. Soc., by Mrs. Elizabeth Copeland.....	10 00		
Marion, Pitcher, John, Estate of, Annu- ity, by A. J. Hadley.....	45 33		
S. S., by Miss Clara Lewis.....	3 72		
Marlboro, A Friend to missions.....	15 00		
Massachusetts, A Friend.....	10 00		

\* Received and credited on Special Accounts.



West Granville, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.	\$8 58	Woman's Home Miss. Association, by	
Westport, Pacific Union S. S., by J. C. Macomber	14 67	Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.:	
West Springfield, First, by Addison H. Smith	18 50	Boston, Roxbury, Wal. Ave.,	
Weymouth, North, Pilgrim, by Samuel J. Rockwood	5 00	Aux., for salary of Rev.	
Whitin, J. C., fund, Income of	120 00	Samuel Deakin	\$10 00
Whitman, Smith, Sarah P.	2 00	Greenfield, Aux., for general	
Wilbraham, North, Grace, Union, by H. W. Cutler	7 21	work and towards L. Mp.	35 50
Williamston, Franklin Carter, L.L.D. (\$30 of which to const. Prof. H. D. Wild a L. M.)	100 00	Medford, Mystic, McCullom	
Winchester, First, by Eben Caldwell, Treas. (with \$39.21 * for For. Popn. work)	172 28	Miss. Circle	50 00
Woburn, First, by J. W. Fox, to const. Dea. Alvah Buckman, Nathan W. Frye, W. A. Prior, Miss E. V. Bridgman, Miss Susan E. Edgell, and Mrs. F. J. Brown L. Ms. of C. H. M. S.		Peabody, A Friend, Christmas gift	8 00
Worcester, Central, by G. W. Mackintire		Sheffield, Aux.	2 50
Piedmont, by A. W. Eldred	22 39		\$106 00
Union Ch., \$100.26; E.-C.-a-Day Band, \$5.70, by C. B. Greene	38 08		
Yarmouth, First, by E. D. Payne	165 96		\$10,162 99
Matthews, Mercy, for California Missionary	50 00	HOME MISSIONARY	17 13
	2 00		\$10,180 12

\* Received and credited on Special Accounts.

## HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in January, 1897.* WARD W.

JACOBS, Treasurer

Bethel, by A. H. Knox	\$7 47	North Guilford, see Guilford.	
Buckingham, see Glastonbury.		Norwalk, First, by E. L. Boyer, to const. Mrs. Helen Rockwell Beers	
Canterbury, First, by Andrew J. Hetrick, for C. H. M. S.	11 15	a L. M.	\$50 00
Cornwall, First, by John E. Calhoun, for C. H. M. S.	101 85	Old Lyme, by William F. Coult	18 10
Danbury, First, by Harriet E. Averill	69 77	Plymouth, Terryville, by A. B. Beach	6 06
East Lyme, Niantic, by G. A. Howard	5 00	Salem, Rev. Jairus Ordway	5 00
East Windsor, First, by E. G. Morton	18 69	Sprague, Hanover, by Rev. L. H. Higgins	18 00
Glastonbury, Buckingham, by T. D. Goslee	4 00	Southington, by J. F. Pratt	6 c7
Goshen, S. S., by Miss A. H. Scoville	31 28	Terryville, see Plymouth.	
Guilford, North Guilford, by Benjamin Rossiter	30 00	Torrington, Third, by Frank M. Wheeler	26 77
Third, by Rev. George W. Banks	15 00	Union, by Roscius Back	17 20
Hanover, see Sprague.		West Hartford, Estate of Abigail P. Talcott, by S. A. Griswold, Trustee, for C. H. M. S.	74 76
Hartford, First, Homer Blanchard, for C. H. M. S.	25 00	Wethersfield, by S. F. Willard	3 05
Fourth, by Chandler E. Miller	9 18	Winchester, by E. B. Bronson, for C. H. M. S.	1 46
Asylum Hill, by Charles E. Thompson	309 08	Wolcott, by Harry L. Andrews	15 60
Killingworth, by N. H. Everts	16 70	Dr. Robert Crane	10 00
Lyme, First, by Rev. E. F. Burr	45 00		\$1,116 60
Middlefield, Miss Mary E. Lyman, for C. H. M. S.	50 00		
Middletown, South, by G. A. Craig	46 78		
Monroe, by A. Wheeler	10 60		
New Haven, Howard Avenue, by Rev. W. J. Mutch	8 13		
New London, First, by H. C. Learned	50 45		
Niantic, see East Lyme.			

[Correction: In the acknowledgment of Conn. State Aux. receipts in February number, page 523, Greenwich, North Greenwich, should be credited with \$10.63, not \$10.65. "New Britain, First, by A. M. Lewis," should read A. N. Lewis.]

## ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in November, 1896.* AARON B. MEAD,

Treasurer

Aurora, New England	\$54 00	Cambridge	\$9 52
Buda	51 69	Carpentersville	21 60
Byron (Y. P. S. C. E., \$5)	12 50	Champaign	47 00

Chesterfield.....	\$15 27	Saunemin, Mrs. Knowlton.....	\$1 00
Chicago, First.....	57 49	Seward, Second.....	4 00
New England.....	72 55	South Danville.....	8 25
Millard Avenue, Coral Workers.....	7 63	Spring Valley, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Bowmanville.....	21 53	St. Charles.....	12 00
Forestville.....	3 05	Sycamore.....	107 00
Crystal Lake, S. S.....	2 50	Toulon (S. S., \$16.16).....	56 20
Dallas.....	10 00	Warrensburg, Mrs. Schroll.....	1 00
Evanston, First.....	8 00	Waukegan, German.....	3 00
Galesburg, East Main Street.....	70 00	Wheaton, S. S.....	2 50
Havana.....	8 00	Winnebago.....	2 50
Kirkland.....	15 00	Woman's Home Missionary Union:	
La Grange.....	16 75	Evanston, First.....	\$1 00
Loda.....	22 17	Melvin.....	7 00
Malta, Mrs. Emma Puffer.....	5 00	Metropolis.....	1 06
Mazon, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00	Oak Park, First.....	3 00
Morrison, William Wallace.....	5 00	Princeton.....	5 10
Oak Park, First, S. S.....	12 00	Rantoul.....	10 00
Frank Milligan.....	1 00	Rockford, First.....	10 30
Second, S. S.....	12 88		
Olney.....	12 50		37 46
Payson.....	29 34	A Friend in Northampton.....	20 00
Peoria, Union, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Lynch.....	5 00	Rev. J. D. McCord.....	16 66
Peru (S. S., \$5; Y. P. S. C. E., \$5).....	16 05	Cash.....	76 60
Port Byron.....	8 11		
Rantoul, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00		\$1,015 90
Roodhouse.....	9 60		

*Received in December*

Albion, First.....	\$10 00	Poplar Grove.....	\$19 70
Alton, Ch. of the Redeemer.....	41 46	Rock Falls, Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 00
Atkinson.....	7 55	Rockford, Second, S. S.....	15 00
Beardstown, Philip Kuhl.....	10 00	Mrs. Julia P. Warren.....	100 00
Belvidere.....	27 85	Sandwich.....	108 00
Canton.....	18 95	Shaw.....	2 50
Chenoa.....	7 16	St. Charles.....	6 00
Chicago, First, S. S.....	14 59	Sterling (S. S., \$17.01).....	57 61
J. F. Mendsen.....	20 00	Stillman Valley.....	32 82
William E. Rollo.....	25 00	Streator, Bridge Street.....	3 00
Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Wamsley.....	2 00	Sublette.....	2 50
New England, S. S.....	15 00	Sycamore, "Pledge Signer".....	25 00
Lincoln Park.....	5 50	Thawville.....	5 28
Union Park, Mrs. William Ripley.....	5 00	Tolono, Mrs. H. B. Haskell.....	40 00
Covenant.....	36 23	Victoria.....	15 00
Warren Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kilner.....	10 00	Vienna.....	1 91
Forestville, Mrs. M. M. Wilson.....	4 00	West Rockford.....	1 46
Pacific, S. S.....	5 00	Wheaton, First, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Cobden.....	10 00	Winslow, Berean.....	17 35
Crystal Lake, S. S.....	35	Woodburn, S. S.....	5 15
Desplaines, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00	Wyandot.....	11 54
Dongola.....	1 69	Wythe.....	10 00
Dover, Dea. Geo. Wells.....	50 00	Woman's Home Missionary Union:	
E. Anderson.....	10 00	Alton.....	\$15 00
Dundee (S. S., \$2.00).....	20 37	Aurora, New England.....	25 83
Dwight.....	6 50	Blue Island.....	12 00
Flgin, First.....	17 12	Bunker Hill.....	13 00
Glencoe.....	42 65	Chebanse.....	4 09
Griggsville, Mrs. Anna E. McWilliams.....	5 00	Chicago, Ravenswood.....	15 00
Hamilton, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 30	Pilgrim.....	18 88
Healey.....	3 02	Grace.....	3 00
Highland, Jun. End. Soc.....	1 00	Elmhurst Mission Band.....	5 00
Hillsboro.....	13 15	Emington.....	5 00
Hinsdale (S. S., \$50).....	118 47	Geneseo, Mrs. Huntington.....	10 00
Ivanhoe.....	12 80	Glencoe.....	30 15
Jacksonville.....	5 00	Hillsboro.....	1 00
Joy Prairie.....	45 10	Jacksonville.....	10 00
La Grange.....	1 00	Oak Park, First.....	14 50
Lawn Ridge, Rev. C. E. Marsh.....	5 00	Payson.....	10 00
Lyndon.....	2 50	Peoria, Union.....	10 00
Lyonsville.....	9 00	Rockford, First.....	21 00
Malta.....	15 16	Second.....	19 00
Marseilles.....	15 00	Rollo.....	5 00
Mendon, Rev. William B. Humphrey.....	30 00	Spring Valley.....	10 00
Mendon.....	32 00	Sterling.....	50 00
Mound City.....	3 42	Toulon.....	8 85—
Neponset (Jun. End. Soc., \$5.00).....	27 50	Mrs. E. C. Hagar, Joliet.....	10 00
Oak Park, First, George Eckart (special).....	10 00	Rev. J. D. McCord, Chicago.....	23 00
Simpson Dunlop (special).....	12 50	Cash.....	62 44
C. D. Payne (special).....	1 00		

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## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804  
and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 17 Florence Court,  
S. E., Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA- TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. M. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

#### 7. KANSAS

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St.,  
Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

#### 8. OHIO

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Lane Seminary  
Campus, Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, 513 The Ellington,  
Cleveland.  
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## FUNERAL OF DR. KINCAID

**T**HE funeral of Dr. William Kincaid, whose decease was briefly noticed in *The Home Missionary* for March, was held in the Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn, on the afternoon of February 15th, his pastor, Dr. Thomas B. McLeod, leading in the services. Many New York and Brooklyn ministers of his own and other denominations attended. Addresses were made by Rev. Judson Smith, D.D., senior secretary of the American Board, and Dr. Joseph B. Clark, senior secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. Dr. Smith was teaching in Oberlin College during Dr. Kincaid's courses in the college and seminary, and there formed a close friendship with him which had grown in intimacy and strength till it was for a time interrupted by death.

Dr. Clark had been in near association with Dr. Kincaid from the time of his coming to the Bible House as a representative of the American Board, and since 1888 still more intimately as his co-secretary in home missionary work. Both speakers were therefore well qualified to testify of their friend from personal knowledge of his character and life, and they spoke freely and with full and tender appreciation, but without exaggeration, of his salient qualities as an earnest, spiritual, conscientious Christian, and of his noble work for the Master in the pulpit, and in the wider relations to the churches and pastors of the land in his later years. Dr. McLeod followed with a pastor's testimony as to his influence in the church gained by his eminent piety and consecration. Prayer was offered by Drs. L. H. Cobb and A. H. Clapp, also intimate associates of the departed, and favorite hymns of Dr. Kincaid effectively sung by the choir completed the service in memory of our beloved and honored brother. The burial was in Greenwood cemetery beside a beloved son, who died in June, 1894. Besides his Bible House associates, the Congregational Club, the Clerical Union, and other religious associations have passed appreciative resolutions concerning Dr. Kincaid.

In this and following pages we give the substance of the funeral addresses; the dying message of our honored brother, in which all connected with the work of Home Missions will take a tender, personal interest; and a loving poetic tribute to his memory by his friend, Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster.

At the stated meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Monday, March 1st, our brother's "dying message," with its tender remembrances of his associates, was read by Rev. Dr. McLeod, and resolutions were adopted by the Committee, by its direction to be entered on its minutes, printed in this magazine, and presented to his family. The message will be found on page 587, and the resolutions on page 589, of this issue.



## THE TRIBUTE OF AN EARLY FRIEND

BY REV. JUDSON SMITH, D.D., OF BOSTON

My acquaintance with Dr. Kincaid began more than a generation since, in the days of the war for the Union, when he was an undergraduate in Oberlin College and I was a tutor there ; was resumed and deepened when, somewhat later, I returned to Oberlin as a professor and found him a student in theology ; followed him in his two first pastorates at Rushville, N. Y., and at Leavenworth, Kansas ; and passed into the intimacy of a close and lasting friendship when he became pastor of the Second Church of Oberlin, and so continued to the very end. I feel as though my place were properly in silence, with those who mourn to-day, while others speak the praise of him we love.

Dr. Kincaid was a man of simple faith and genuine piety. He always made the impression of a godly man, who lived and wrought habitually "as in his great Taskmaster's eye." Without anything sanctimonious, or formal, or in the least degree repellent in his bearing, every one who met him felt that he was a man of prayer, of unaffected devotion to Christ, who walked with God and viewed all things in the light of this divine fellowship. A certain quietness and dignity of manner, instinct with Christian geniality and, whenever occasion required, accompanied by a frank avowal of the principles which guided his life and of the truth which he held sacred, gave character and attractiveness to all his social intercourse. He bore himself with such frankness, sincerity, and lively interest in his contact with others as to put all at their ease ; young people and children were always attracted to him ; the mature and thoughtful felt the force of his thought and the charm of his character, and implicitly trusted him.

His Christian experience began before he became a student at Oberlin, and his influence from the first was positive and wholesome among his fellow-students. He was a ready scholar and took a high rank in all his classes. On the outbreaking of the war he joined the ranks of the first company enlisted in Oberlin, but being prevented by physical inability from serving as a soldier, his intense interest in the country's great struggle found practical expression in the *Lorain County News*, published at Oberlin, on which he rendered most acceptable editorial service during the later years of his undergraduate course. With him the decision to enter the Christian ministry occasioned no struggle ; it was the realization of a purpose which had long been cherished, and his theological studies were pursued with equal satisfaction and success. It was easy to foresee that the work of the pastorate would appeal to his highest aspirations and would draw out his noblest powers.

He was an able and successful preacher. His sermons were always carefully prepared, clear, and often eloquent; his delivery was easy, forcible, and attractive; and those who heard him oftenest enjoyed him the most. His preaching was eminently scriptural in the substance and spirit of it, practical in its aim, and popular in style. His bearing in the pulpit and in the house of God was marked by great dignity and decorum, and predisposed his hearers to reverent attention and serious thoughts. He felt himself, and he seemed to others, to be the bearer of a message from God to men upon which great and eternal issues attended. Those who heard him once wished to hear him again; and all found him drawing their thoughts to great truths, their hearts to reverence, and their souls to worship and devotion. He was particularly happy in extempore preaching and in occasional and offhand addresses. The last time I heard him speak in public, when he brought the greetings of his own Society to the recent jubilee meeting of the American Missionary Association in Boston, he seemed to me to excel himself, in the appropriateness of his theme, the felicity of his language, and the elevated beauty of his delivery. As a pastor he was faithful and winsome; his visits were welcomed by young and old, and left a wholesome influence behind. At the bedside of the sick, in the last services for the dead, his presence was a comfort and a benediction, his words were fitly chosen and instinct with Christian love and sympathy. The churches he served were built up in the faith and service of Christ, their numbers were multiplied, and their unity and effectiveness increased. In every case his retirement from the field was in answer to a superior call of duty elsewhere, and was accompanied by the love and regret of the people whom he had served.

It seemed a great misfortune that one so successful as a pastor, so eminently qualified for the gospel ministry, should be turned aside to executive duties. But a temporary weakening of strength seemed to demand a change, and Providence opened the way distinctly to his later and wider service in the secretarial office. Looking at what he has wrought and the influence he has exerted during these later years, it now seems plain that this change in the form of his labors was wisely appointed, and that he has here achieved his highest service in the Kingdom of God on earth. For three years and a half he filled with rare tact and power the post of Secretary of the American Board in the New York office; and since the fall of 1888 he has borne his full share as Corresponding Secretary in the executive management of the great Congregational Home Missionary Society. His good sense and wise judgment, his natural conservatism mingled and tempered by the spirit of Christian progress, his deep-toned piety and profound patriotism, have made him an invaluable counselor, a safe leader, a trusted and honored executive in that important organization. But of his qualities for this

post and of the work which he has done in these later years it is fitly reserved for his associates to speak.

In a rare degree he combined intensity of conviction and feeling with catholicity of mind and breadth of views. He never forgot or underestimated the work of the Foreign Board, while devoting himself with unwearying ardor to the work of home evangelization. His interest in the local church was as keen while in this administrative post as it had been when he was in the pastorate. All things connected with college and theological education seemed to him as important as if he had been in direct control of these activities. The development of theological thought, the whole field of biblical criticism and doctrinal discussion, were as keenly relished and wisely followed as if these were the scenes of his special responsibility.

Of his life in the home no one outside that circle can worthily speak. Suffice it to say that he was a devoted and loyal husband, an affectionate and appreciative father. In domestic life he was a pattern to the times, setting unconsciously the example of what a Christian man should be in these most intimate relationships. The memories that are treasured in this household are sacred beyond our poor language to express, and will abide while life endures; and they are all without a stain and without a regret.

Of Dr. Kincaid as a friend I can speak from an intimacy of many years. He was one for whom to give thanks, intercourse with whom was always uplifting, yielding a heightened sense of manhood and truth, and of the worth of life itself. He was a man singularly free from himself, and at the service of his friends. In conversation, while interested in all current events, he never inclined to mere gossip, or the light talk of the hour, but his mind drew toward the greater themes of interest, the deep and standing problems of human thought. He was peculiarly kindly and generous in his estimate of others, slow to criticise, swift to praise. His friends—and they were many—were dear to him, and their virtues were seen so large that he seemed not aware of their faults. We shall miss him everywhere, and we shall miss him most where fewest yet remain to walk with us.

This, our friend, has met invalidism and death in the prime of his life and power; and he has met them in a spirit that has rebuked our questionings and deepened our love. At the height of his fame and influence, when religious and ecclesiastical life in great sections of our country was taking shape at his hand, when men from all parts of the land sought his counsel and trusted his wisdom, when many years of more fruitful and honorable service seemed to await him—at this point in his growing career the summons came, weakness laid him low, and he was called to mark the slow, resistless approach of death. And no murmur escaped his lips; no

regrets rose in his heart ; calmly, steadfastly, patiently, as he had lived, so he moved on to the end of life, his heart at rest in God, his peace like the flowing river. The end became him, as noble as his life was true. The total impression of this life, as to-day we view it whole in the light that falls upon the open tomb, is singularly homogeneous, serene, uplifting, and deep. He had but one great passion—that was for Jesus Christ, our Lord. He had but a single absorbing ambition—that was to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. And he has not died too soon—too soon, ah ! too soon for us—but not too soon in the thought of God ; life's great work with him was done. With Paul he might have said : “ I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith : henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day : and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”



## A COMRADE'S TRIBUTE

BY REV. JOSEPH B. CLARK, D.D.

I AM here to speak as a comrade, and in the name of a circle of comrades, to whom this brother was singularly dear.

It was my privilege to name him for the office he held at the time of his death ; and it became my duty to inform him of his election, and to urge him to an acceptance of the call. With that silent attention which was the habit of his mind, he listened considerately, but gave no sign of his purpose, nor even of his preference. It was several days before I obtained any intimation of his feelings. Then he accepted the office, with a single proviso, characteristic of the man. He would become Secretary on condition that, when his Sundays were not in demand for the service of the Society, he might regard himself as free to preach the Gospel. His vocation, as he felt, was the care and training of souls. The vows of his ordination were on him, and he confessed to a mighty homesickness, not uncommon with secretaries, for the old ties of the pastorate. Thus it happened that, more than most of his associates, he has responded to calls for pulpit service at times often when the mind, jaded with office cares, craved and needed the solace of a day of rest.

From the moment his decision was taken he was given to his work with a rare devotion. It was not in the nature of William Kincaid to do anything by halves. In the midsummer of 1895, against the protests of friends and associates, and in the shadow of a great family affliction, he spent a month in missionary labor under the burning sky of Alabama.



To all remonstrances his reply was, that only in July and August could he meet the humble churches depending on his watch and care in their annual conferences.

The experiences of that month were a trial to flesh and spirit, and their memory led him more than once to break over the barriers of silence with which he guarded his personal history. Traveling continually, preaching and talking without rest, often without sleep, living amid strange conditions, suffering extreme discomfort in a superheated atmosphere to which he was not acclimated, and burdened day and night with a heavy grief, it is much to be feared that this act of devotion to duty was but the beginning of the end. On home missionary soil and in home missionary service the seeds of sickness and death were probably sown. What then! Science and travel and country have had their martyrs, whose examples enrich humanity. So has the sacred cause of missions—many of them. His life had been dedicated to Home Missions, and when the particular test came he was not the man to hold back any part of the price. And who shall say that a sacrifice so precious may not become, under God's husbandry, the germ of a new life in that Southern belt and among those humble brethren whom his soul loved even unto death! His last public words, printed in the *Chicago Advance*, while their writer was lying between life and death, were an impassioned appeal in behalf of these brethren of the South.

Dr. Kincaid was a model Secretary. It is not enough to say that he enjoyed the confidence of his brethren and of the churches; he commanded, he compelled it. A mingled dignity and sweetness clothed him as with a garment. They won affection, they inspired trust. He was swift to hear, but slow to speak. Few men have so short a record of rash and unconsidered speech to repent. His mind was of the judicial order. It was not made up on any question until the case, and the whole case, was in. Then it was made up for good. It was this quality that gave singular weight to his judgments. Men trusted his conclusions, and were seldom, almost never, deceived.

In the financial vicissitudes of the past three years, when the faith of many has faltered and the panic of fear has almost paralyzed our minds more than once, Secretary Kincaid has repeated: "I am tranquil, brethren. I have no fear. We must hold on firmly. This storm, like others, will blow itself out." And it was such calmness under trial, such sublime faith in God's future, such patience of hope, that have steadied the minds and shaped the counsels of his brethren. Alas, how we shall miss his firm grasp, his always hopeful view of the situation!

More than most men, Dr. Kincaid's daily life moved by rule and method. Order to him was Heaven's first law. We have never seen him hurried or flustered, whatever the provocation. There was a time for

everything, for everything had its time—if not in the busy office hours, then at home in the quiet of the study and while others slept. But no knotty question of administration was called settled by him until thought out patiently, methodically, to the bottom. To some it may have seemed that under this strain of law he took life too minutely, even too seriously. One very near to him has said that he never learned to play, like other men. Yet God bestowed on him one gift that saved him from becoming a mere slave of routine. He possessed a rich social nature that responded quickly and keenly to the joys and sorrows of his fellowmen. In his well-ordered life there was also a time to laugh, to unbend, and a sportive vein that lubricated the wheels of daily routine. No man was more acutely responsive to human needs. Probably there is not a home missionary pastor he ever met who does not count and will not mourn him as a personal friend. He loved the workman as he loved the work, and the files of the office are rich in letters of tender comfort written to missionaries and their families in sorrow, of sympathy and cheer to faithful men in hard fields of unrewarding toil, and of honor and praise to men fighting a good fight and winning victories. Under all the order and method that stamped his character welled up these springs of human sympathy, and in them he found his play, his recreation.

To those who knew this man at all, I need not say that he was Conscience incarnate. His central power was moral, his pole-star was duty; and no magnetic needle was ever more true to the North than was he to the voice of duty. Or ever the light from above fell upon any path before his feet, straightway he became obedient to the heavenly vision, and followed with a persistence that not warnings of friendship, nor entreaties of love, least of all considerations of personal safety or ease, could stay or divert. With him nothing in the shape of duty was too small not to be done well; nothing so large as to be shirked or dreaded. His was the *loyal* conscience, in whose ear the faintest whisper of God's spirit was like the thunder of a command.

The value of Dr. Kincaid's services to the cause of Home Missions cannot be hastily estimated, for they are not completed. With a wise and patient hand he has sown much precious seed. To the future belong the harvests. The Southern work has been specially dear to him, but no more so than the Slavic department, which in the division of labor has fallen to his personal care. All foreign-speaking populations attracted him, and his soul would sometimes burn almost with impatience for days of plenty that might justify a forward movement along that line of missionary effort. The great cities also, and their needs, often sharpened his plea before the churches. His annual papers and frequent published articles impressed readers and hearers with their breadth and insight. To him, doubtless, more than to any other man, the remarkable success

of the new paper, *Congregational Work*, is due. He foresaw its need and mission; he labored unsparingly to launch it. It was almost his dying effort, and its more than 90,000 readers in every quarter of the land will mourn no truer friend than he. But why do I specify? Eight years of consecrated toil for the redemption of America cannot be measured, and they are too precious to be lost. Such a life does not end. Death only gives it a new career. William Kincaid is not dead. His name is henceforth a polished stone in that templed kingdom building up in the earth with the lives of consecrated men.

I am well aware how faulty is this picture. Your own memory, brethren of the Executive Committee and of the Bible House, will complete the broken image. In the close fellowship of Christian service, we have known, honored, and loved him. His spirit will abide in our rooms, hallow our work, guide our pens, and live again in our counsels.

Gratefully we acknowledge that our lives are richer for the memory of William Kincaid—the tender preacher, the wise administrator, the faithful servant of the churches, the genial comrade, the conscientious workman, the loving brother, and always THE MAN OF GOD.



### HIS PASTOR'S TRIBUTE

As our brother, Dr. Kincaid, has been for many years in the public eye, as the servant of the church at large, and as this assemblage of mourners is composed of numerous representatives from the wide field in which his noble energies were spent, it seemed fitting to his friends that the conduct of these services should be put in the hands of men who represent the entire church, and with whom he has been intimately associated. At the same time, I feel that the exercises should not close without a word from one whom our brother called his pastor. Under the circumstances, it must be only a word. Even if I were not disabled, I could hardly trust myself to say what is in my heart, which is greatly distressed this day. A great sorrow has come upon me, and my place is by the side of his bereaved family.

You have heard the testimony of those who have known him and his work in the prominent places he has occupied for so many years. His ability, fidelity, consecration, missionary zeal; his earnestness and eloquence in pleading for the evangelization of the world; his wisdom and administrative capacity; his sympathy and tenderness and sweetness of temper, have been set forth in those noble tributes to which we have listened. My word shall be of his last days in the sick-room. That room

has been to me like a veritable mount of transfiguration, where I have beheld the glory of the Lord reflected on the face of his servant. To us it seemed hard that a man of his physical vigor and elasticity, so full of hope and ambition, so richly equipped for service and endowed with such affluent resources of mind and heart, should be arrested in mid career and bidden to drop the work he loved and for which he was so eminently qualified. But it did not seem hard to him. He committed his body and soul, his present and future, into the hands of the Lord whom he loved and trusted, ready to accept his will, whatever that will might be. If further service awaited him here, it was well; if promotion to higher service above, it was better. I have enjoyed a great privilege, and an indescribable confirmation of my faith, in being permitted to witness his patience, his resignation, his confidence and joy in the Lord. The great spiritual verities of the other world were very real to him. His faith penetrated the visible forms of things and grasped the invisible. God, and Christ, and heaven, and eternal life were as actual as his own personal identity. As I witnessed all this day by day, and heard his triumphant words, and saw the radiance of heaven shining in his face, I said to myself again and again, Books on apologetics are for me superfluous.

Before sitting down I must deliver a message which he gave me for you, his brethren in the ministry. He charged me to assure you that he was dying in the faith—the same faith in which all the generations of believers in the past have lived and died; that he was strong and of good courage, and his heart was stayed on his God; that he had a vision and revelation of the Lord; that his faith was stronger than ever in God, in Christ, in the atoning sacrifice of the Redeemer, in the power of the Gospel to transform the world. He bade me say that his only hope for himself and for his fellowmen was in the cleansing efficacy of the blood of Jesus. He took no comfort from the recollection of anything that he had done. He confessed himself a poor sinner saved by grace, and never was sinner more conscious of his personal unworthiness, or more devoutly grateful to his Redeemer for salvation, than was this saint of God on the eve of his translation to glory. Strange, is it not, brethren, that the men who seem to walk with God, who live as if in the presence chamber of the King, whose lives are as “the breath of a perpetual prayer,” are always the lowest before God in confession! Our brother charged you and me to be instant in season and out of season in preaching the everlasting Gospel to sinning, dying men, and never cease to believe that the gracious plan of God shall be fulfilled, and that the whole earth shall be brought into subjection to the authority of Jesus Christ.

Friends, such a man as this never dies. The death of such a man is but the unloosing of his powers. It is not defeat, nor collapse, but achievement. I know not how far and wide the fame of this man will ring, or



what the world's estimate of him will be ; but this I know, that he was a great and good man in the sight of the Lord ; and the work he did, and the words he spake, and the character he built, and the influences he set in motion will outlive the stars.



### HIS DYING MESSAGE

I WISH to leave my Christian remembrances to the dear official circle at the Bible House. To my beloved Dr. Clapp, our senior, my affections are first drawn out ; so to my two associates in the Secretaryship and to my near and dear friend, Mr. Howland, whom I much love.

I wish a personal message sent to each of the beloved Field Secretaries and their wives whom I know and highly esteem—Mr. Shelton, Mr. Puddefoot, and Mr. Wiard.

I desire to be called to mind to the Chairman and Secretary and each member of our beloved Executive Committee, and to let them know that they were in my dying thought and heart.

I wish to send my special love to all the dear Superintendents of the Society, particularly those with whom I have been in special correspondence. During my illness I may not have received personal messages forwarded by them, except such as have been sent direct from them to my home, but I want them to understand that I heartily reciprocate whatever kindly word may have been uttered, and that they all have the best love of my heart.

I wish to be remembered to all the beloved missionaries of the Society. Tell them that Christ is very near me as I indite these words, and that I personally know that

“ Jesus can make a dying bed  
Feel soft as downy pillows are.”

Tell them to preach the simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus ; to take the whole Word of God and build upon it with faithfulness from the first book of the Bible unto the end. Express to them my dying conviction that God will bless his Word as preached in great simplicity and faithfulness, that revivals will prevail, that multitudes will be converted, and that our country and the world will be saved.

WILLIAM KINCAID.

483 GREENE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, *January 27, 1897.*

# “ENTERED INTO REST”

DR. WILLIAM KINCAID, *February 12, 1897*

“Then I heard in my dreams that all the bells of the city rang again for joy!”

FROM the fair land of Beulah,  
Where the shining ones are seen,  
Across the dark, cold river  
This land and home between,  
Keeping his age-long promise  
To conquer Death's last strife,  
Our blessed Lord himself hath come  
And lifted thee to life.

Still, the Master was beside thee,  
Nor left thee, day or night;  
The darkness was the background  
Where the day-star shed its light.  
And we marveled as we saw thee  
In all thy weakness strong,  
And heard thy words so sure and  
sweet,  
So full of heaven's song.

Slow days were thine to linger  
In the valley's shadowy rim,  
But ever pulsing through them  
Was heaven's unceasing hymn.  
The light of God transfigured  
The beauty of thy face,  
And the glory of the better land  
O'erflowed thy dwelling-place.

Now, thou art gone, beloved!  
But gone not far away:  
It is but a breath to heaven,  
From our fading mortal day;  
And none who watched anear thee  
When the silver cord was riven,  
Thenceforth may dread the golden  
path  
That leads Christ's own to heaven.

Cheery, serene, and patient,  
Thine own the Master's will,  
And the shining angels led thee  
And staid beside thee still;  
Yet not the angels only  
Came hovering o'er thy bed,  
One like unto the Son of Man  
Sustained thy fainting head—

Till he bade thee cease from service,  
Have done with earth's employ;  
And then the bells of the city,  
Methinks, were rung for joy.  
And we, who yet are bidden  
To strive with sin and care,  
May well gaze after thee, beloved!  
And wish that we were there.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

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“God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.” . . . “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.” . . . “And they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads.” . . . “And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.” . . . “Because I live, ye shall live also.”

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTIONS

AT a stated meeting of the Executive Committee of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, March 1, 1897, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and placed upon the records :

*Whereas*, Our Heavenly Father has taken unto himself from our official circle the Rev. William Kincaid, D.D., for more than eight years a beloved and honored Secretary of this Society ; be it

*Resolved, First*, That we, his associates in the conduct of the affairs of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, bear our united and cordial testimony to his constant and conscientious faithfulness to the precious interests committed to our joint care—a faithfulness shown in his unremitted devotion of time, thought, study, and prayer, that he and we might be led by the Spirit of God to adopt the wisest means for securing the fittest and most consecrated men for the work ; for their judicious assignment to the most needy and promising fields ; for the multiplying of willing givers for the pecuniary support of these brethren ; for such presentation of the cause of Home Missions as should insure the remembrance of it by praying men and women, in the services of the sanctuary, at the family altar, and in the place of secret communion with God—and, added thereto, parental inculcation upon the children in all our Christian households of an intelligent love, care, and support of the same great interests.

*Resolved, Secondly*, That we devoutly thank God for the privilege of working through these years with one so prudent in counsel, so earnest in labor, so thoroughly consecrated, loving, and prayerful, so successful in attaining the ends most dear to his heart and ours—most dear to the heart of our Savior.

*Resolved, Thirdly*, That we deeply sympathize with our brethren, the superintendents and missionaries toiling in this Society's wide fields, in being thus suddenly deprived of the prized fellowship, love, counsels, and prayers of one who held them so dear, one whom they had learned to esteem so warmly and trust so implicitly.

*Resolved, Fourthly*, That we do most affectionately tender to the bereaved widow and children of our brother our sympathy with their sorrow at his loss from their domestic circle, his summons from the sphere of his chosen service, in the midst of his largest usefulness and promise, when the bright past was giving full assurance of grander and nobler successes yet to come ; and we pledge to them our fervent prayers that our Heavenly Father, by his more manifest and perpetual presence, will sustain them under this heavy affliction, will sanctify it to their spiritual well-being until they meet him again with rejoicing in that deathless world where our blessed Redeemer welcomes and recompenses his chosen faithful ones for evermore.

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“ BLESSED are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors ; and their works do follow them.”

## THE RECONNAISSANCE COMPLETED

BY REV. D. L. LEONARD, D.D., OBERLIN, OHIO

## II

IN the autumn of the first year a return to Minnesota was made to pilot my family to the Latter-day Zion, and the winter was given to Utah, spying out the land more in detail, preaching, and lecturing in connection with the schools of the New West Education Commission ; supplying the pulpit of the Salt Lake church, whose pastor, Mr. Barrows, had left to become secretary of the Home Missionary Society a few days before my arrival, etc. Early in 1882 I attended a fellowship meeting and the installation of Rev. C. M. Sanders in Cheyenne, and in March was obliged to sally forth some 600 miles towards the North Pole to play general missionary in Fort Benton, Mont., Mr. James's health having given out at this early and inauspicious date. For six weeks I acted the part of pastor and preacher with all diligence. On the way out, from Butte I had reached Helena by the Boulder route, starting at four A.M. in an open sleigh with the mercury at minus thirty, crossing the Continental Divide at sunrise, coursing through the Park and Bison Cañon at an inspiring pace, and finishing up on wheels in season for a fair night's rest. All through the forenoon a family funeral party was aboard, composed of both sexes, whose grief could only be endured by solace afforded by the potent juice of Kentucky corn ; so, at intervals of about thirty minutes, the family flask would pass from lip to lip, and tears would be mingled with its contents. From Benton I made an excursion of eighty miles south to the Parker mines in the Little Belt Range, from which, just then, great and marvelous things were expected. The road was new and exceeding rough ; the "accommodations" for eating and sleeping on the route were primitive in the extreme, while almost every hour of the four days the wind blew with a velocity which at times attained to the rate of sixty-five miles an hour. I found four settlements stretching up and down a gulch almost dark with a dense forest of pine and fir. A thousand lots had been sold, log cabins by the hundred had been started, while a mixed and varied multitude had been gathered. Mine was the only laundered shirt in the camp among all those Chinamen, half-breeds, college graduates, and men of science, including some of the best business talent from Boston and Chicago. Five men with families were there, and one lorn widow, but not a cow. A service was held, at which the collection, amounting to nearly ten dollars, was taken by a poor German, who staggered sorely under a load of strong drink, and asked the boys to give liberally to "the priest." But easily the worst portion of that campaign



in Montana was reserved to the last. Between Helena and Benton I had endured a long and severe snowstorm, in the midst of which, and while crossing tempestuous Bird Tail divide, by a broken axle I was compelled for forty miles to share with mail sacks and kegs of beer an open spring wagon, for lack of a seat sitting on the bottom. But this was luxury compared with the experiences which befell me while returning in April. First, it was half a day of floundering through the terrible Alkali Flats, with mud so deep and of such a pronounced glue-like structure that the wheels ever and anon became so overloaded as to refuse to turn; nor could the six horses haul the load. Therefore driver and passengers would alight, and with shovels brought along for the purpose would proceed to remove the sticky mass (be it always remembered that the fare paid was *twelve cents a mile*). Farther on and near Eagle Rock, on account of the snow a foot journey of five miles was made at dead of night, followed by a four hours' halt till daylight, which was utilized by sleeping with head upon a hospitable table. Here and now it was that our coach gave out, and nothing remained but to take passage in a lumber wagon ("dead ex."), destitute of box or seat, offering only a wood-rack for protection, and a narrow board running lengthwise on which to bestow ourselves and baggage. In such a case the second night was passed. While traversing the Main Range towards Deer Lodge we faced a fierce wind without cover for our heads, which, however, I minded but little, since a millionaire miner shared the infliction, and though accompanied with the pelting of rain, hail, and snow. When at length Butte was reached, and the railroad with its Pullman, I was little short of a spectacle to behold. Three days and nights had left their marks upon the physical man, in utter weariness, general soreness, blood-shot eyes, nose and cheeks of a ruddy hue, and lips cracked and bleeding. But glycerine and the luxury of the narrow gauge wrought a miracle of cure before Salt Lake was reached.

Some easy trips by rail soon succeeded—to Tintic mines and Frisco, to the Pleasant Valley coal mines; to the end of the Oregon Short Line, which had now reached the Bear Lake region; to Butte also, where we now had a minister, and to "recognize" our first church in that Territory, and also to Wood River, to set things in order for the arrival of a missionary. The first Sunday in Ketchum a hall was occupied, but the next week we were ousted by a minstrel troupe, which also sent out its brass band, and by a "sacred concert" sadly depleted our congregation. In a single day two funerals befell, one of a boy killed suddenly by an accident, and I the only minister within seventy miles. Again I made my exit by the Kelton route. Halting at Goose Creek to change to the stage from Boise, while I slept, expecting it to tarry for breakfast, it came and passed on, leaving me behind. However, a few hours later I was able

to move forward in the "prairie schooner" of a family of genuine Kentucky poor whites. The year before had been passed by them on the road between Missouri and northern Idaho, having heard that in the latter region was located the Eden for the lazy. But the snow fell twelve feet deep, and therefore disgusted, they were now making their way to Texas, the paradise to be. Next day the stage picked me up once more, and I was soon in the midst of a spectacle most thrilling and never to be forgotten. I sat with the driver; six fine horses were speeding us forward across a waste all hideous with sage brush, when at once we were in the midst of a tract some ten miles square, all radiant and glorious with cactus (prickly pear) in full blossom. As far as the eye could reach in every direction the earth was robed in rich straw color, with frequent patches of most brilliant scarlet. From henceforth let nobody speak ill even of an Idaho desert.

In June and July I was doing my best to select locations and get hold of property, that more schools might be opened in the autumn. By August I was ready for another extensive exploring expedition. The Northern Pacific Railroad was pushing up the Yellowstone with all speed, and new towns were springing into existence in stirring fashion. From Dillon to Bozeman I "staged it" by a new route, a portion of the distance helped forward by a marvel of a driver who never touched a drop of alcoholic stimulant. But next day, while threading Bozeman Pass and crossing some wild country beyond, I was in the hands of one who drank so often and so much as to utterly lose both wits and bodily strength, to the great peril of the passengers (one of whom was the boss gambler of Montana, also most gentlemanly, affable, and obliging). The second night an axle broke; so what could the company do but make their beds under the open sky, and slumber on until another vehicle could be procured, even though the Crow Reservation was perilously nigh, and the savages had been using too briskly of late the tomahawk and scalping knife upon the traveling public? At two A. M. a lunch was made upon crackers, candy, and dried apples. On the evening of the fourth day from Dillon we pulled into Billings, and made ourselves comfortable at the Dutch Hotel, with the track only a few miles away. A minister had been here since May and a sanctuary for temporary use had been erected. I went on as far east as Glendive, halting at Forsythe, Miles City, and Big Horn, and then returning took stage across the country for Benton by a route just opened, and myself the first through passenger, a further stretch of four days and 275 miles. It was by Bull Mountain, up the Musselshell, past Oka, Yube, and Yago, through Judith Basin, etc., etc. Once I slept under a haystack and once on a "bed" of poles; while for supper I had wild goose, and again my full share of a two-bushel sack of speckled trout fresh from a mountain brook, with four spiders to fry them in. This meal

will ever live in memory with Mrs. Berry's breakfast at Meadow Creek the year before. A new minister was met, and a little church was formed. Then off through Helena and Deer Lodge I hurried on a tour down the Hell Gate to Missoula. A region was crossed all hideous with mineral holes and other effects of placer mining. New Chicago was scrutinized, and also Bear's Mouth, with the most fearsome portion to endure when in Hell Gate Cañon. How dark was that night, how winding and rough that road, how persistently hour after hour those four Germans smoked with the curtains all down. Besides, for miles the dense pine forests were all aflame, with crackling and roaring and crashing heard far up the lofty sides. And what sweet relief to draw up at our hotel as the morning star appeared! Returning, this passage infernal was made by daylight, and I turned aside to call at Phillipsburg, journeying thence to Butte, sixty miles, in the worst conveyance yet seen and felt. It was a lumber wagon, with a framework above designed to support a canvas top; but the canvas was lacking. A half-dozen victims sat all day perched high upon spring seats, their heads exalted among the roof timbers, against which, too, they were thrust rudely and without warning whenever a collision was made with stone or rut, which occurred so often as to inflict wounds and bruises upon every one. This trip lacked but fifteen miles of reaching a thousand.

Wyoming west of the Rockies, Utah and Montana by this time had been quite thoroughly scanned, but a large and important section of southwestern Idaho still remained *terra incognita*. Therefore, in early October, too late in the season by several weeks, as will be seen, this last considerable reconnaissance was taken in hand. The start was really made from Rock Springs, Wyoming, whither I was called to assist in the dedication of a sanctuary. From Kelton I headed north for Goose Creek over a road I had already traveled thrice, and there turned westward and northward down the Snake, keeping as near as possible to the south bank of that stream, passing Shoshone Falls at no great distance. Snow, rain, and mud were the noticeable order of the day, and of the night also, nor less of almost all the nights and days for several weeks to come. As we neared Salmon Falls, as I gazed at the thick lava sheet which ended abruptly with the lofty and precipitous bluffs on the north side, I noted with wonder how from beneath it and about half-way down, at numerous points great streams of water gushed forth and fell tumbling in foam. At the close of the second day we crossed the Snake by ferry, and had a long climb to the plateau beyond. Through all the hours of darkness it was a steady splash of rain and mud. At midnight we supped on chicken at Mountain Home, where now is a Congregational church, but then was only a ranch with *room* for settlers. Soon after daylight a deep descent was made into Boise Valley, of which a magnificent

view was had. Here was a veritable oasis in the midst of a vast expanse of utter desert. Irrigation had been applied with effects well nigh magical. Such thrifty orchards in particular, with fruit so abundant, so perfect, and so almost universally red, it would be difficult to match. But it rained all that day, and I gave myself much to sleep. Two days were taken for a jaunt to Boise Basin and back, once all astir with a mining population, but now with "Ichabod" writ large over every door. The stage was without cover. I had John Chinaman for seat mate, whose knowledge of English seemed to begin and end with, "You bet your life," and he practiced with greatest assiduity all he knew. Three hard showers fell upon us, one of them adding the accompaniment of pelting hail. Some visits were made. I preached in the Boise Presbyterian church, listened with all eagerness for a call to found an organization with the faith and practice of the Pilgrims, but heard none (though happily one was sounded out within a decade), and so set out for Wood River, floundered all night through the mire, breakfasted at Mountain Home, ascended the Rattlesnake, crossed two terrible ravines, struck the Little Boise, and in a great snowstorm arrived at Rocky Bar at the early hour of two A.M. It snowed all the next day, but I preached in the Alturas House. I learned some interesting things about the town I was visiting: how the snow for months buries all things inanimate and animate, and they tunnel from house to house. In the autumn the butchers take orders for five months, fill them, and then drive out the residue of cattle to winter in the lowlands. When the storm king takes possession, neither egress nor ingress is possible save upon snowshoes. On account of deep snow the stage was late next day, but finally I was able to turn my back upon what I much feared was to prove my prison. Two hours after midnight, Cat Creek was made, but the station was full. At least, it contained but one bed, while here were present twenty-one persons by actual count, including three women, two children, one Catholic archbishop, one Congregational ditto, the rest being cowboys and such. A half-day was spent waiting for the stage from Boise, and when we were fairly started up through the cliffs towards High Prairie, mingled rain and snow began to fall, and continued all night. On Camas Prairie the four horses proved unable to haul the two passengers, and on two occasions gave out utterly, so that others must needs be borrowed to take their places. But in spite of all, though two days behind time, we pulled up in Ketchum. Here I tarried long enough to organize a church, our first in Idaho, and a pastor for it was already on the ground. Blackfoot and the railroad were distant 100 miles; one-third the distance lay across the lava, but, fortunately, the roads were so unutterably bad that night travel was dispensed with. At Fish Creek we spread our blankets upon the floor, and arose for breakfast at four; while the next night at Arco, besides our



eight passengers, lodged a theatrical troupe of ten, as well as something like a score of ordinary people.

Sixteen months had now passed since I had entered upon the task of surveying the phenomena contained within the limits of my spacious bishopric, and I found I had traveled 21,500 miles, of which 4,500 were made by stage and 300 on foot. I had been to the end of every railroad and of every important post route, and had made at least the outside acquaintance of every considerable settlement. The next two months were spent in the East, visiting almost all the large centers of population and all our theological seminaries as far East as Bangor, in eager quest of men for my fields, making from one to three addresses nearly every day. Thanksgiving was kept in Boston, while I was back in Salt Lake in season for Christmas and to assist in organizing the Utah Association. Curious to know just how many changes had been made and how rapidly I had moved about, consulting my diary and figuring out the facts, it appeared that in 157 nights I had occupied no less than 143 beds; and sometimes it seemed as though those figures should be reversed to make it 157 beds in 143 nights.



### CLIPPINGS FROM REPORTS

**SPIRITUAL UPLIFT.**—We have held several special meetings which lasted three weeks. They were very well attended and resulted in a great spiritual uplift to the church and in five young men coming to the determination to follow Christ.—*Wyoming*.

**THIRTEEN CONVERTS.**—Evangelistic services were held the last of November and the first of December. Though held under what seemed to be unfavorable circumstances, we believe the meetings were productive of much good. Thirteen hopeful conversions were one result of the meetings. Several were members of families of another church, therefore united there.—*Nebraska*.

**WEAKENED BY REMOVALS.**—We are being depleted by removals. It saddens us to see our already weak cause, in the midst of drunkenness, open day gambling, and fearful moral and religious indifference, stripped and weakened in this way. But so it is. The salary is largely in arrears. We cannot afford a janitor. The minister sweeps the church, rings the bell, and lights the fire. We trust that some good will result.—*Washington*.

**INFIDEL POLITENESS.**—Some who were of an infidel "turn of mind" insisted on bringing dogs with them into the meetings to play with dur-

ing the service ; others, on reading books so as to show their contempt for the minister and the Word preached. This is now, we believe, ended. There being no other place for them to go to, they still come to our meetings, and seem now to recognize our right to insist on order in our services and reverence for the Word of God.—*Wisconsin.*

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A "MIXUM GATHERUM."—Our chief difficulty is in the task of harmonizing and centralizing the diverse elements of a typical Dakota community. We have here people of almost every nationality and political and religious belief ; a veritable chaos of pet ideas, associated with a very marked degree of individualism, and in too many cases more of the spirit of rivalry than of the Master. These conditions have become aggravated by long-standing feuds, until the limit of compatibility appears to have been passed. We still hope, however, for better things.—*South Dakota.*

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HANGING ON BY THEIR FINGER NAILS.—Financially our people and all others here are hanging on, as it were, just by their finger nails, struggling to build up their business again. They are courageous and cheerful, and there is promise for the orange industry in the not very distant future. But there is next to nothing for us here until that comes. There are very few in my congregation who are not members either of our church or of some other. Our prayer-meeting attendance averages nearly one-half the number of the Sunday congregation. That is better than I ever knew of any church in the North doing in that respect.—*Florida.*

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PATIENCE IN TRIBULATION.—We have seen trial and deprivation, having lost our dwelling house with everything we had in the way of clothing, bedding, furniture, etc. But we still cling to the truth of the Scripture : "All things work together for good to them that love God." Besides having for our best friend our Father in heaven, we find that he also puts it into the hearts of his children to be friends to us, especially you brethren of the dear old Society. The Lord has seemed very near to us during the cold weather, while we have been compelled to live in a very inferior dwelling, with scant clothing for beds and body. Yet, remembering the spirit of the Master, we have lacked for nothing that was absolutely necessary to physical or spiritual comfort. Praised be his holy name !—*Georgia.*

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CHURCH AWAKENED.—We have just closed a series of special meetings which gave great promise, but had to be discontinued owing to inclemency of weather and difficulty of warming the house of worship. Yet the Lord was with us and moved the hearts of his people to an

earnestness such as I have never before seen here. A number have been freed from inactivity, and are working and testifying for the Master. A few have confessed the Lord for the first time, and we are praying and working that others may follow.—*Wisconsin*.

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SPIRITUAL PROGRESS.—The close of the quarter finds the work in a most promising condition. The Spirit of God has rested upon our efforts, and in every way we have been growing. Since the last report we have had thirty conversions and a large accession to the church, the majority of whom are adults and heads of families. We held a union revival meeting with the Methodists, which did much good to the membership of the churches, and there were about twenty conversions of children and adults during the meetings. The spiritual condition of the little church is excellent, and the influence it is exerting in the community is of the most gratifying character.—*New Mexico*.

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PROFITABLE CHASTENING.—The principal feature of the work of late has been the enlargement of our field by pushing into the rural districts. The influence of our church has thus been much increased and the church itself greatly strengthened. We have not only "lengthened our cords," but have "strengthened our stakes." We now have five flourishing Sunday-schools in the rural field, besides that in the village. I preach every Sunday afternoon in some one of these schools, and frequently on a week-day evening, besides my two services every Sunday in the village. I think the churches in this drought-stricken region are now reaping a harvest from their discipline of dire distress. We have had revivals in nearly every church in this afflicted territory. At first the people rebelled in the midst of their suffering; later they learned God's lesson, and it is working the peaceable fruits of righteousness to many.—*Nebraska*.

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## NEW SERMON FROM AN OLD TEXT

It is one thing to ride over a great ocean-like prairie in June, the billowy grass waving in the breeze, the sun shining brightly in the deep blue, cloudless sky, the flowers nodding and dancing among the grasses to the meadow lark's thrilling note, great birds wheeling overhead, the clear air sparkling with exhilaration, all giving you such sense of delight and freedom that you feel as if you were a swift bird, or were merrily ploughing the sea on a white-winged yacht.

It is quite another experience to plod along through the trackless waste of snow in midwinter, battling with the cold of the wind-swept

prairie and its merciless blinding storms. But our brave Home Missionaries "on duty" are nothing daunted, either by midsummer's oppressive heats or the cruel blasts and benumbing cold of a northern winter, but push on, intent on service, "as the Master went," to answer the call of the sick or the perishing, and to preach the Word, "in season and out of season," to the multitudes hungering for the "living Bread which came down from heaven."

It was a bitter, bitter cold day in the early nineties in the region of our country's outposts in the great Northwest. One of our brave Home Missionaries was making his round of appointments in spite of the cold and hardship, calling upon the scattered people, and holding services at various points along his circuit. At one of these services a thinly clad old woman asked from the missionary the favor of a call. She lived in a poor little cabin of rough boards and sod, standing all alone like a tiny black dot on the white blank of the snow-covered prairie. When he entered the two-roomed house he found the husband of the woman, all doubled up with rheumatism, lying on a miserable bed in the farther corner. Everything about the house indicated extreme poverty. Supposing that the presence of the minister was sought by the wife that he might administer the consolations of the Gospel to this brave but crippled and bedridden old soldier of the Union army, he sat himself down by the bedside of the invalid, and (as only a skilled physician of souls can) began to talk in such a way as to bring the light of heaven into that humble home, and to make the man almost forget the pain and somberness which was all that life had for him in that cheerless abode. The good woman sat by with bright eyes of keen interest, but said little.

The minister made a long call, for his words of sympathy had drawn out from the sufferer a tale of "romance in real life"; but at last he arose to go. Then the timid, reserved woman straightened up, and standing between the visitor and the door, as though she would detain him for some important message, she broke forth with an intensity of speech that was almost dramatic, and addressing her husband—though every word was intended for the minister's ears—she said: "Now, husband, you know that two years ago I gathered up two quarts of wheat from the mud after the thresher, washed it, and dried it, and Will here (turning to the eldest son, who at that moment entered the room) sowed it for me. Then last year he sowed it again, and I got twenty bushels. I am going to give ten bushels to the Orphans' Home, and the other ten bushels I am going to have sowed this year, and I am going to give all the increase to the home missionary cause, which this missionary represents. That is why I have asked him to call to-day. I wanted to give him my pledge. I hain't forgotten the good old days back East! We always gave to missions then. We used to have the means to give in



those times, and I only wish we'd given a sight more to the missionary cause then, when we had it to give! It's too late now." This she said meditatively and in a lower tone, as she seemed for a few moments to be recalling the more prosperous past. Then, speaking again in the intense key, she added: "But we can't be deprived of the *privilege* of giving now, even if we are poor (and God knows we are poor enough). We feel as if we wanted to belong to the 'more blessed' kind of folks, as Christ called 'em! Too poor to give, did you say, mister?" (Here for the first time she looked squarely at the minister.) "*Too poor!* No, indeed; we're not! It is such a privilege to give. Poverty itself can't cheat us out of that one great blessing. Praise God for that!"

And once again, with tearful eyes, she turned to her companion in the journey of life and said: "You know that it is not our wheat, it's God's wheat." And then, addressing herself to the missionary, she added: "It's our missionary fund; and oh, sir, it's such a blessed privilege to be able to give!"

To the minister had come a revelation. He had listened to a new sermon from a very old text.—*Mrs. Sarah F. Ward.*



## CASTING SELF AND PEOPLE ON GOD'S CARE

I BELIEVE that God cares for his children. Were it not for his love and protection I am sure that I should not now be in the land of the living. In a recent trip to one of my mountain appointments I encountered an awful storm which imperiled the life of my horse and myself. The wind was so violent that I could not sit in the saddle. On foot I led my horse up the mountain, battling with wind, snow, and ice. Again and again both leader and horse slid, stumbled, and were in the greatest peril. Both were in danger of being hurled down the mountain side and dashed on the rocks hundreds of feet below. But we escaped with a few falls and bruises and a good shaking.

Strange to say, a few years ago near this place I nearly lost my life. How I escaped being crushed to death at that time is a mystery to me. It is true that I was hurt badly, but in a few weeks I recovered. Surely, we may sing even as Luther and Melancthon sang, "The Lord is our refuge, strength, and a present help in trouble."

I may say further that after going through this storm and getting within half a mile of the church, I could not get to the church to have service. I have learned since that had I been able to reach it, I should have been there alone. Not a single person in that section of the country thought any minister would be out in such a storm as that.

As I write my heart is sad. This part of the country is mourning the loss of the potato crop, on which the farmers depended to help them out of their difficulties. Now their hopes are dashed. How they will get through the winter and spring the Lord alone knows. They have little to sell; in fact, very few have sufficient vegetables, fruit, etc., for family use. How they will get groceries, clothes, and seed for planting, is a problem they cannot solve. Such a failure as this has never been known before in the history of this region. Yet the Lord liveth, and we pray that he will send help for these people in some way, and that good may come out of this trial—failure of material things leading people to seek and find spiritual and eternal good.—*Washington.*



### THE MIGRATORY CLASS

THE fifth anniversary of our church was both a pleasant and sad occasion. We remembered the many families who had been with us, but so many of whom were obliged to leave because of the stoppage of the tin works, the partial shut down of the copper refinery, the removal of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway shops, and general depression of business. I am surprised, when I consider the changes in residence of families of many workmen, to find their moral tone no lower than it is. If these families of my parish are fair examples, I think that no class is more migratory. By the changing tides of business they are obliged to move from city to city wherever there offers an opportunity for more wages or better living. In many cases they find themselves deceived when it is too late to retrace their steps. I count twelve or fifteen of such families, some of whom have many children, who have come here, remained one, two, or three years, enjoyed more or less prosperity, and have then moved on to some place of more promise. Their household furniture is sold, or part of it is packed and carried along in their flight. Sometimes grocers and store bills are left unpaid. Off they go to begin elsewhere the same see-saw of good and bad times which was their experience here. With some this has been their experience for eight or ten years, and their travels here included journeys across the water, over railroads through Maryland, New York, Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Their migrations have been a revelation to me of the unsettled life spent by many workmen in the tin, copper, and iron trades, reminding me of those once called "movers" on our Western frontiers. By such a life, of course, education and systematic religious training are almost out of the question, and those who are more settled are our chief supporters and co-workers in the church.—*Maryland.*

## AN OPEN LETTER

TO MY PASTORS, WHETHER PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE :

I BESEECH you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation which comes to you in this way from one of your hearers. I am grateful for every helpful sermon that I have heard you preach, for every spiritual uplift gained from your prayers, and for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now. But while I have no wish to enter your pulpits, I would like to preach a short sermon, to which I pray you to give heed. My text is the familiar one in Galatians about doing good as we have opportunity, *especially* unto them who are of the household of faith.

You have so many opportunities, could you but see them! Is it myopia, or shyness, or want of sympathy, that keeps you at such a distance from your people? Have you ever suspected the disappointment they often feel because you manifest so little interest in them? When you enter the horse-car, why do you ignore the presence of your fellow-passengers, some of whom are your own parishioners, vainly looking for a token of recognition from you? When we came home on the same car from those union services where Christian fellowship had been emphasized, was it not an unfortunate oversight that you did not seem to notice A, B, and C, with others from our church, who had made an especial effort to be present? Afterwards you took us to task publicly for not attending those meetings!

Some time ago you wrote a personal letter to Mr. D, urging him to take up the duties of a Christian life, and the next day you met him in the post-office without giving him a friendly look or word. I happen to know that the seeming slight did more harm than your well-meant letter did good. Of course you did not see him, but I wish you had been looking for him!

Imperfect vision is, indeed, a reasonable excuse for some sins of omission, and the mantle of charity may well cover them. Yet I beg you not only to wear the best glasses your oculist can provide, but to *cultivate the habit* of seeing people. Very much can be done in this way if one tries in earnest. No harm will be done—perhaps even some good—if by mistake or by design you sometimes bow or speak to those not connected with your congregation.

Has it ever occurred to you how many of your people crave help from you, apart from your public ministrations? The poor you always have with you, and always those who are carrying the burden of sorrow, and who depend upon you for sympathy and comfort. "I wrote to my minister," said one of your people, "after the news came of G's sudden death, but I never had a word from him, either spoken or written, to

show that he appreciated what that blow meant to us all." Perhaps you have so fully adopted the saying that the heart knoweth its own bitterness and a stranger intermeddleth not with its joy, as to forget the value of a kind word, the pressure of the hand, the assurance of sympathy. Christiana and her children often need the presence of Mr. Greatheart, to help them over rough places and along the valley of the shadow of death.

You may indeed shrink from doing right through fear of doing wrong; yet, remembering that our Master came to bind up the broken-hearted, and to comfort those that mourn, will you not seek to be a true son of consolation to the sorrowing? A word spoken in due season, how good is it!

One thing more I am constrained to say, after much observation. You often lose precious opportunities of doing good when visiting the sick and infirm. I have heard again and again of their disappointment that your visit ended without your offering to pray with them. Do you say that you always comply *when asked*? Let me remind you that the very asking is often a great effort for an invalid. She waits and waits for an opportunity to propose it, but your conversation, though kind and friendly, is so general in its character that she finds it hard to interrupt you, and your call is over before her desire has found utterance. I would not imply that you are to insist upon prayer whether opportune or not. The circumstances of the family may not be favorable; physical discomfort or suffering may be so great as to make listening impossible; but will you not make the way easy for those who are cut off from the privileges of public worship, to have the Word of God and the voice of prayer cheer them in their seclusion? When they are hungry and thirsty for the help you might give them, is it feeding the flock of God, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to divert their thoughts by pleasant conversation of a general character? To those who for years are unable to go to the house of God with the multitude that keep holy-day, it may be an unspeakable comfort to have you propose bringing to them the memorials of Christ's death, not as a *viaticum*, but as the spiritual food which may help them to live day by day, patiently bearing what is appointed them. Why should you wait for them to ask for the privilege which it is in your power to offer? Will you not, in this respect, learn a lesson from your neighbor, the Episcopal rector, who offers, as a matter of course, to pray with the sick and sorrowing, and to administer to them frequently the Holy Communion?

If I did not value highly the good work you are doing, notwithstanding all the peculiar hindrances in your parish, I should hardly venture to point out to you these other possibilities of usefulness.

With great respect and esteem, I remain, yours truly,

PHEBE,

a servant of the church.



## PERSONAL MESSAGES

THAT FRONTIER HOMELAND CLUB.—Perhaps you would like to know how the Homeland Club succeeds, that you organized on the Nebraska frontier. I am glad to tell you that our meetings are well attended. We prepare papers on different subjects, and read your leaflets. Every one last week was very much interested in "The Deacon's Conversion," read by one of our ladies. One member came to me afterward for a copy of that leaflet and several others. She said she wanted to read them to her husband. We expect to celebrate Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays by a public meeting of the Woman's Homeland Club, and special papers on those occasions. We expect to get some money for Home Missions at that time.

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OUR SOLDIER BOYS AND GIRLS IN TEXAS.—Our division of your Boys' and Girls' Army is very much alive. They have worked hard and have raised money for their tent mite-boxes. They are raising money for our own missionary in Texas now, and are much interested. They pray earnestly at their meetings. They take turns in conducting them. My thought is that if these young soldiers are taught to speak for Missions now, before they reach the timid age, they will do better service by and by. I am trying to teach them how to conduct the meetings, how to look up their subjects for themselves, how to pray, and how to read their Bibles, so that in a few years our church will not have a dead missionary meeting of a few women only, but an intelligent, praying, working congregation of men and women who will feel their responsibility as Christians.

I have just distributed fresh tents, to the delight of the children, and now the girls are making baby quilts for the missionaries and the boys are making scrapbooks, and altogether enjoying the missionary work. Let me tell you that these children pray for the Congregational Home Missionary Society and for the missionaries who received the postal card which came to us, saying, "No money in the treasury." We pray that the treasury may be filled and the missionaries paid and the good work go on.—*A Missionary Wife.*



## FIRST-FRUITS OF OUR CONSECRATION TO OREGON

BY MRS. DORA READ BARBER

THE west-bound train was skimming along over the prairies of Kansas with the same monotonous rumble and jar it had had for a day and a night, when a group of three men gathered in one end of the car. One

of them was a tall, swarthy man with sharp black eyes and jetty hair, cropped just below the ears. He wore a sombrero, whose breadth of brim diminished greatly the apparent size of the naturally small face, and whose tawny color, blending with the existing pallor of cheek and brow, gave to them a hue approaching the ghastly. Another of the group was a chubby, red-faced man of the type we would quickly recognize as "Pat"; but as we are not so much interested in him, this brief introduction will suffice. The third to join the group was your Missionary, who looked no more like either of the others than they looked alike, and I could not better describe them, taken collectively, than by Carleton's words, "That 'ere strange dissimilar three." As our missionary came up, the tall man said, "Hello, friend, where you makin' fer?"

"I am going to Oregon," was the reply. "That so, friend? So am I." And so saying, he pulled from his side pocket a half-filled flask, and offered it to his new-found fellow-traveler, who declined with thanks. The chubby man, thinking that he did not want to begin on so small an amount, took from his pocket a bottle filled to the brim, saying, "Here, have a pull at this." "No," said the missionary, "I do not drink." "Don't drink! Where did you come from, and what are you going to Oregon fer?" The Missionary then explained to them that he came from Michigan and was going to Oregon to preach the Gospel. As our tall friend named as his place of residence a place that had seen a great deal of hard fighting during the late war, the question that naturally followed was, "Were you there during the war?" To which he answered that he had been a soldier in the Confederate army. He said he had been living since in Arkansas, and was going to Oregon to get rid of the "ager," which he had every spring.

Our Missionary told him that one of his brothers had died a prisoner, having been taken while fighting for the Union. "Friend," said the tall man, "them days are passed"; and reaching out his long, bony hand, it was clasped in the hand of the Missionary for a moment, and the group dispersed. We saw no more of him until we reached Pueblo, where, upon entering the depot after a little stroll around the grounds, we found him stretched out upon a bench, apparently in great distress, with his three children and his wife, not fully awake from her last dose of opium, near by. The depot police, thinking him drunk, told him to leave the room, which he did with some help. The Missionary explained to the police that he was not drunk, but sick, and obtained permission to take a bench out and make him a bed. This done, he gave him some simple medicine which he had, and sat down by him to bathe his head. In his pain he often used the expression, "Lord of mercy," at which the preacher told him that God was a God of mercy, and that he had promised to have mercy on all who would call upon him.

He looked up blankly, as though he did not comprehend what was meant ; so he was told the simple but wonderful story of Christ's power and willingness to save all who call upon him, and to help us in time of trouble.

When the train came he was helped to get upon the car, and we saw no more of the family until we reached Ogden, where we were to stay all night. He had not much money and no place to sleep. This being arranged comfortably for them, we went to our hotel.

When we left the next day we saw nothing of them, and we feared they were left ; but, after reproaching ourselves for not looking after them more closely, we eased our conscience by laying it all to depot police. We reached Sacramento late at night, and as there were some things we wanted, to replenish our lunch basket, our Missionary went out to get them. When he was coming back some one stopped him and began to inquire the way to the depot, but on recognizing him he said, "Oh, here you are ; I was afraid I had lost you, and I wanted to tell you something. I never had any one talk to me like you did. I have been a wicked man, but I want to be a Christian, and I want you to pray for me. I have left my old chums and my past in Arkansas, and when I get to Oregon no one will know how bad I have been, and I shall do my best to be a good man."

So there, at one o'clock at night, in the streets of Sacramento, this poor lost soul found the Savior who had been looking for him so long. He came back and asked me to tell the story to his wife, which I did as best I could, and she, too, gave her heart to Jesus.

The next day we left the train at Albany, and have never seen them since ; but we know them by name, and pray for them ; and because we have committed their souls unto the Holy Spirit's keeping, we believe that he will keep them against that day.



## CHURCH BUILT ON DIME CONTRIBUTIONS

DECOTO, about thirty miles by rail from San Francisco, has a neat little church, built on dime contributions from members of the Christian Endeavor Societies of California. The church-going people of the place are not very numerous, and they were having a hard time trying to get a church until Rev. Loyal Wirt, of San Francisco, and Rev. Frederick H. Maar, pastor of the Niles Congregational church, went to their assistance. They later united in asking the Endeavorers of the State to aid in starting a dime contribution movement throughout the organization. There was a ready response, and practically enough to build the church was raised.

The building of the church was a project very dear to Rev. Mr. Maar, and during the progress of the work he joined the carpenters, and with hammer, saw, and chisel labored as hard as any of them. He is a muscular young Christian, and enjoyed the task. The chapel is still unfurnished, but the ladies of Decoto have undertaken to attend to that. The Ladies' Guild will give a bazaar at Decoto, by which it is believed that enough to complete the work will be raised.—*J. C. H.*



### A CHRISTIAN MATRON'S GIFT

IT is one of those gifts that carry the heart with them, that are perfumed with believing prayer, and so receive the blessing of Him who "sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into it." This is what she says :

"This little gift, in remembrance of my eighty-seventh birthday, is to the dear old Home Missionary Society which I have loved since childhood, partly because my dear mother loved and worked for it."—A. F. R., *Cleveland, Ohio.*



### AS TO MISSIONARY BOXES

BY ONE WHO HELPS TO PREPARE THEM

WE ladies of the aid societies often have but a faint idea of the great blessing these boxes carry to some families, to whose comfort they are absolutely necessary. Especially is this true as regards bedding and clothing for the little ones, and as regards mothers too ill to make up garments, or too far from stores to procure material.

I believe we can make a big improvement in this matter, and thereby be a greater blessing to the Home Missionary, and at the same time enjoy a greater blessing ourselves. We give what we can spare, but how few of us give at a sacrifice. How many of us send to the sacrificing, hard-working minister anything but what we can easily do without? Have we often sent a new hat, bonnet, cloak, or dress to the missionary family, and kept our *old* ones for ourselves another year? Let us send the worn garments to some deserving poor one who does not occupy so prominent a place as a minister's wife does. Let us remember the Golden Rule, and give worthily, if at all, for we are helping the Lord's own.

Again, if we are fortunate enough to collect money, don't let us spend it for rugs for those who have no carpet ; nor for lace curtains when the house-rent can't be paid ; nor for fine linen table-cloths when the gro-



ceryman is getting impatient. Why not send the money, in cases where the missionary and his wife have access to friendly dealers, and can make a dollar go farther, knowing what is most needed, than we can make two dollars go, just *guessing* what would be most useful?

If we have donations of clothing, let us see that it is worth the sending. We would not want our husbands and daughters to wear unbecoming clothes, even if we were poor. They have self-respect, as well as we. So let what we send be nice : new, if possible, and suitable for those to whom it is sent. Let us give prayerfully and as unto the Lord, and not only will the missionary be made happy, but we, as societies of Christian workers, shall be blessed.—*Indianapolis, Ind.*

### FORWARD!

BY MRS. E. M. MORSE

GIRD up thy loins, O Israel !  
 Fold not thy hands to rest ;  
 For, lo, there yet remaineth  
 Much land to be possessed.  
 Strongholds of Satan's kingdom  
 Encompass thy domain,  
 And giant forms of evil  
 Defy Immanuel's reign.

Whose heart is stirred within him,  
 The Word of Life to bear?  
 Who consecrates his substance,  
 The saving work to share?  
 Hasten, for time is flying,  
 Nor doth the spoiler rest ;  
 Hasten, for men are dying  
 Uncared for and unblest.

Thy word, O Lord, is mighty ;  
 Thy promise cannot fail :  
 Not all the powers of darkness  
 Against it can prevail.  
 Why must thy promise tarry,  
 Thy foes take heart again?  
 Why must thy Word be holden,  
 For lack of means and men?

Go to the squalid dwellings  
 Where want and woe abide ;  
 Go to the scattered cabins  
 That dot the prairies wide :  
 Wherever sin defileth,  
 Or sorrow weeps apart,  
 Proclaim the blood of cleansing,  
 The oil of joy impart.

O Spirit of the Highest,  
 Now shed thy power abroad !  
 Arouse thy slumbering people  
 As with the trump of God !  
 Thine all the strength, and wisdom,  
 And power have ever been ;  
 And thine shall be the glory,  
 Forevermore. Amen !

## THE TREASURY

1896-97

CONTRIBUTIONS	FOR DEBT	LEGACIES	TOTAL
April.....\$11,428.79	\$5,093.08	\$2,687.84	\$19,209.71
May.....5,866.47	3,834.45	6,180.76	15,881.68
June.....8,713.88	3,506.61	2,502.22	14,722.71
July.....14,350.84	2,121.00	9,772.20	26,244.04
August.....3,460.00	487.56	2,167.21	6,114.77
September....9,148.64	610.00	5,775.99	15,534.63
October.....7,115.88	218.85	1,646.85	8,981.58
November....12,533.97	331.00	30,845.53	43,710.50
December....20,941.25	200.00	77,086.65	98,227.90
January.....26,894.08	452.00	8,136.54	35,482.62
February.....8,865.76	340.34	9,110.30	18,316.40

THE seventy-first year of the Congregational Home Missionary Society closes March 31st. It is due to all the friends of the work that a statement of the present financial condition of the Society be made.

The receipts in the eleven months ending with February were \$76,308 less than for the same period last year. But for the debt brought over from the previous year, the Society, with the receipts of last year for these eleven months, would have met its dues within about \$8,000. There remain, however, of the debt of 1895-96 \$34,505, and to meet current expenses \$84,494 have been borrowed, making present bank obligations \$119,000. To close the year without debt, the \$119,000 due the banks and the estimated March expenses of about \$50,000, a total of \$169,000 are necessary.

The volume of work for which the Society has assumed responsibility is well within the bounds of ordinary receipts. Such continued shrinkage of income could not have been foreseen. But, recognizing the financial conditions of the country, the Executive Committee on the 1st of January reduced the appropriation for the year beginning April 1st next by \$74,000. Of this amount seventeen per cent. falls upon the field, and more than twenty-two per cent. upon the operating expenses. To meet the missionaries' dues and bank obligations the Society must look to the friends of the great cause. The entire Stickney legacy, which came so providentially for a time of need, has been devoted to the work. Two weeks of the year remain. The exigency is great. The time is short.

THE OFFICERS.

March 15, 1897.



## CHANGE IN THE MAGAZINE

THIS is the last number of The Home Missionary's appearance as a monthly. Henceforth, enlarged to eighty pages, it is by vote of the

Executive Committee to be issued quarterly in July, October, January, and April. The July number, as heretofore, will give in condensed form the annual report of the work of the Society, with its auxiliaries, covering the entire field of its operations. By the careful reading of that number, and of the three succeeding issues each year, our friends can obtain and keep alive an intelligent familiarity with the Society's aims and methods, the principles on which its operations proceed, the vast extent of its fields, their needs, promise, difficulties, and possibilities, the measure of success attained, the motives appealing to the supporters and active workers in the enterprise, the Divinely covenanted and therefore assured recompense awaiting the labors, offerings, and prayers of every faithful Christian patriot who gives heart and hand lovingly to the cause.

For sixty-nine years the magazine has monthly recorded and preserved a compact history of the Society's work, beginning with 169 missionaries, of whom 129 were in New York State and thirty-three were in what was then "the West," now "the Interior," and growing until the force is now more than 2,000 and the yearly outlay has risen from \$14,000 to over \$700,000.

This history it is proposed to continue in the quarterly, with such larger views of the Society's policy and progress as passing events may call for. Its pages will be open to the friends of Home Missions, as hitherto, for the interchange of views and discussion of the wider themes pertaining to the grand and growing enterprise.

As the less frequent issue allows a reduction of the cost of publication, the subscription price of *The Home Missionary* (Quarterly) will be only thirty cents a year. Subscribers who have paid at the former rate will be served for the longer time their payment covers at the new rate.

The rapid success of *Congregational Work*, the new common organ of the six affiliated societies acting in their several lines for the denomination, is most gratifying, as showing that it meets a real want in our churches. Its paid subscription list already numbers more than 91,000, with a daily increase that promises a full 100,000 very shortly, perhaps before these lines are read. The space which the new paper allows to each society is necessarily small; but, being mostly occupied by active workers in the field, it will serve to keep those brethren in constant touch with the churches, Sunday-schools, Ladies' Societies, Christian Endeavorers, Army Boys and Girls, and devout men and women whose steady, liberal, cheerful giving should make a continuance of the work possible even in the hardest times. It is strongly desired—and at ten cents a year it surely seems practicable—as its motto indicates, to introduce *Congregational Work* "into every family." We earnestly invite all pastors and other friends of Home Missions to help the cause by commending both these periodicals to their churches and neighbors.

## APPOINTMENTS IN FEBRUARY, 1897

*Not in commission last year*

Bartlett, Alfred H., Stockville, Neb.  
 Belsey, George W., Toledo, Ohio.  
 Bush, A. S., General Missionary in Kan.  
 Chapin, Charles H., Paynesville, Minn.  
 Conry, Henry W., Kensington, Kan.  
 Eveland, Samuel, Ainsworth, Neb.  
 Trover, Winfield D., Pittsville, Ohio.

*Recommissioned*

Adams, Clinton B., Philadelphia, Penn.  
 Andress, John Harlan, Long Pine, Neb.  
 Armitage, Durand Eldred, Badger, Hetland, and  
 Spring Lake, So. Dak.  
 Arnold, William A., Roy, Wash.  
 Atcheson, William Henry, Bloomer, Wis.  
 Battey, George J., Harbine, Neb.  
 Brown, Henry M., Mt. Hope, New York City,  
 N. Y.  
 Butler, Elmer W., Melbourne, Fla.  
 Butler, William, Lincoln, Cal.  
 Caldwell, Asbury, Palm Beach, Fla.  
 Chambers, Alexander, Prentice, Wis.  
 Cobleigh, Elvira, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Crawford, Charles D., Kansas City, Fla.  
 Cressman, Edmund, Dodge, Neb.  
 Dixon, J. J. A. T., Atwood, Kan.  
 Doane, Frank Butler, Cheney, Wash.  
 Emery, John C., Jersey City, N. J.

Everett, John Edward, Kiowa, Kan.  
 Gregory, Herbert, Lake Park, Wash.  
 Haresnape, Will, Blue Rapids, Kan.  
 Henderson, Thomas H., Ferndale, Wash.  
 Hergert, Jacob, Endicott, Alkali Flat, and Walla  
 Walla, Wash.  
 Herrick, Edward P., General Missionary, Tampa,  
 Fla.  
 Hess, Henry, Freudenthal, Boyd, and Knox Co.,  
 Neb.  
 Huntley, Mrs. Abi T., Templeton, So. Dak.  
 Jones, John Edward, Hope, No. Dak.  
 Killen, John T., Portland, No. Dak.  
 Luter, Elvin D., Moss Bluff, Fla.  
 McQuarrie, N. P., Evangelist, No. Dak.  
 Mack, Charles A., Cando, No. Dak.  
 Miller, William G., Dorcas, Fla.  
 Mitchell, Frank, Faulkton, So. Dak.  
 Murphy, Charles G., Wallace, Neb.  
 Okerstein, John F., Swedish General Missionary  
 in Minn.  
 Preston, Charles W., Curtis, Neb.  
 Roberts, Thomas S., Osawatomie, Kan.  
 Sarkey, Elias Joseph, Bloomfield and Addison,  
 Neb.  
 Shuman, Henry A., Monroe and Wattsville, Neb.  
 Surdival, William, Jermyn, Pa.  
 Taggart, Charles E., Elk Point, So. Dak.  
 Welch, Moses C., Pomona, Fla.  
 Woodruff, Purl G., Bagdad, Fla.  
 Woolworth, William S., Morrisania, New York  
 City, N. Y.

## RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY, 1897

For account of receipts by State Auxiliary Societies, see pages 617 to 620

## MAINE—\$139.50.

Auburn, High Street Ch., by J. F. Atwood	
Y. P. S. C. E. of the Sixth Street Ch., by Mrs. E. L. Moody	\$45 00
Augusta, M. J. Cooledge	3 00
A Friend	5 00
Hallowell, Ladies' Cent Soc., by M. C. Dole	30 00
North Bridgton, C. E. Soc., \$1; Harrison C. E. Soc., \$1, by Rev. A. G. Fitz	10 50
Portland, West Ch., by B. C. Fuller	2 00
Sherman Mills, Washburn Memorial Ch., by Rev. I. C. Bumpus	19 00
Topsham, F. E. Purinton	4 30
Yarmouth, First, by C. L. Marston	2 00
	18 70

## NEW HAMPSHIRE — \$456.91; of which legacy, \$110.75.

F. C. I. and H. M. Union of N. H., Miss A. A. McFarland, Treas.	
Keene, First, for Salary Fund	\$25 00
Portsmouth, North Ch.	26 00
	51 00
Amherst, by A. S. Wilkins	5 00
Danbury, Legacy of Martha A. Brooks, by G. H. Jackson, Ex.	110 75

East Derry, First, by H. F. Herrick	\$5 32
Epping, by G. S. Thompson	12 00
Francetown, by A. Downes	25 00
Hanover, Dartmouth College, by J. V. Hazen	137 84
Newport, Ch.	50 00
North Hampton, E. Gove, to const.	
J. N. Morton a L. M.	50 00
Plainfield, S. R. Baker	10 00

## VERMONT—\$370.47.

Vermont Domestic Miss. Soc., William C. Tyler, Treas.	
Barton, Y. P. S. C. E.	\$4 37
Brookfield, First	4 22
Second	7 13
Cornwall, Y. P. S. C. E.	2 01
St. Johnsbury, North Ch.	75 00

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. R. P. Fairbanks, Treas.	
Northfield	\$14 00
Rutland, West	1 75
Windsor	6 16
Mrs. H. S. Bancroft	3 00

\$24 91

For Salary Fund:	
Barton, Y. P. S. C. E.	5 00
Bellevue Falls, Mt. Kilburn Miss. Soc.	5 00



Brattleboro, West, Y. P.				Putnam, Y. P. S. C. E., by G. A.	
S. C. E.....	\$10 00			Deane.....	\$2 25
Middletown Springs, S. S.				South Framingham, Rev. W. G.	
Class of Mrs. L. Grey..	4 00			Puddefoot.....	10 00
St. Albans, Y. P. S. C. E.	10 00			South Hadley Falls, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
St. Johnsbury, East, Y. P.				by M. McLeod, for Gen. Howard	
S. C. E.....	2 00			Roll of Honor.....	100 00
Westminster, West, Mis-				Springfield, Bequest of Mrs. C. W.	
sion Band.....	5 00			Bachelor, by L. C. Haynes.....	400 00
Weybridge, Y. P. S. C. E.	2 00			Estate of Levi Graves, Income	
				from Mission Farm, by D. W.	
	\$43 00	\$67 91		Wells, Trustee.....	70 00
Burlington, Y. P. S. C. E. of College				Faith Ch., by G. H. Stoughton....	23 03
Street Ch., by Gen. O. O. Howard	6 00			S. S. of South Ch., by D. C. Bowen	10 00
Gen. O. O. Howard, for Roll of				A Christian Endeavorer of the First	2 00
Honor.....	100 00			Sunderland, S. S., by A. T. Montague	25 00
East Hardwick, by C. S. Montgomery	22 64			Templeton, Trinitarian Ch., by J. F.	
Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. W. H. Un-				Winch.....	12 75
derwood, for Salary Fund.....	9 00			Ware, Jr. C. E. Soc. of East Ch., by	
Island Pond, A Friend.....	5 00			Rev. A. B. Bassett.....	10 00
Milton, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. M.				G. D. Moore.....	1 80
Benham.....	1 66			Winchester, Legacy of Clarissa R.	
Newbury, Mrs. A. E. Keyes.....	10 00			Parker, by I. S. Palmer, Ex.....	300 00
Orwell, A Friend.....	1 00			Wollaston Heights, A Friend.....	10 00
Putney, by F. L. Peirce.....	34 83			Worcester, Ladies' Miss. Aux. of	
Vermont, A Friend.....	1 00			Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. R. P. Bea-	
Weston, Mrs. C. W. Sprague.....	2 00			man, for Salary Fund.....	50 00
West Rutland, by C. M. Smith.....	12 00			Park Ch., by Miss L. A. Giddings..	30 32
Williston, by W. M. Barber.....	4 70			H. T. Burnap.....	5 00

MASSACHUSETTS — \$6,235.71; of				RHODE ISLAND—40 cents.	
which legacies, \$4,770.00.				Pascoag, L. W. Church.....	40
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E.					
B. Palmer, Treas.:				CONNECTICUT—\$4,851.64; of which	
By request of donors, of which for				legacies, \$3,342.70.	
Salary Fund, \$111; Debt, \$57;				Miss. Soc. of Conn., by Rev. W. H.	
Foreign Pop., \$15.....	436 29			Moore, Sec.....	62 25
Woman's H. M. Assoc., Miss A. C.				Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. W.	
Bridgman, Treas.:				Jacobs, Treas.:	
For Salary Fund.....	\$72 00			Hartford, Asylum Hill, by	
Memorial, February 1.....	100 00			C. E. Thompson.....	\$24 00
	172 00			Kent, Y. P. S. C. E., by	
Amherst, College Ch., by L. H. El-				Mrs. S. Barton, for Salary	
well.....	115 10			Fund.....	10 99
A Friend.....	5 00			North Haven, by Miss M.	
Boston, W. A. Wilde, for Salary				W. Elliot.....	14 50
Fund.....	50 00			Orange, Mrs. E. C. Rus-	
Brookline, on account of Legacy of				sell's S. S. class, for Sal-	
Mrs. A. S. Noyes, by C. E. Miles				ary Fund.....	2 57
and H. E. Abbott, Exs.....	1,000 00			Trumbull, by Mrs. S. B.	
Danvers, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Learoyd,				Beach.....	6 00
Jr.....	10 00				58 06
Deerfield, S. S., \$5; Friends, \$15.....	20 00			Bethel, Miss H. H. Seelye, by A. H.	
Easthampton, "A Friend," to const.				Knox.....	16 50
Winfred M. Gaylord a L. M.....	50 00			Bridgeport, Olivet Ch., by L. F.	
East Northfield, "C. F. M.".....	5 00			Marshall.....	20 30
Haydenville, by C. D. Wait.....	7 42			M. M. Blodget.....	10 00
Holyoke, First, by J. H. Wylie, Treas.	46 04			Bristol, S. S., by J. E. Beckwith.....	25 83
Huntington, H. O. Adams.....	1 00			Central Falls, by Mrs. E. H. Lilli-	
Lancaster, Y. P. S. C. E., by S. M.				bridge.....	4 45
Griggs.....	3 20			Colchester, J. R. Backus.....	20 00
"Lee".....	50 00			Cornwall, Estate of S. C. Beers.....	173 75
Lowell, J. H. Kimball.....	5 00			East Hampton, by S. M. Bevin.....	18 00
Ludlow Center, First, by H. E. Miller	15 25			Essex, A Friend.....	50 00
Mattapoisett, by S. W. Hiller.....	18 00			Falls Village, Y. P. S. C. E., by F. E.	
Monson, Miss S. E. Bradford.....	5 00			Egleston.....	9 53
Needham, S. S. Rally, by Rev. C. W.				Guilford, First, by E. W. Leete, to	
Shelton.....	1 49			const. E. E. Griswold a L. M.....	100 00
Newton Highlands, by G. May.....	145 44			Hadlyme, R. E. Hungerford.....	5 00
North Brookfield, A. C. Stoddard.....	2 00			Hartford, Fourth Ch., by C. E. Miller	57 98
Petersham, Estate of Mary A. God-				Harwinton, by Rev. W. Hedges ..	7 16
dard, for Permanent Fund, \$5,171.62				Ivoryton, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. N.	
Pittsfield, Estate of Mrs. Fanny T.				D. Miller.....	5 50
Allen, by William R. Plunkett,				Rally, by Rev. C. W. Shelton.....	30 00
Ex.....	3,000 00			Meriden, S. S. of First, by J. W. Lo-	
S. S. of First Ch. of Christ, by Miss				gan, for debt.....	31 34
M. W. Redfield, for Salary Fund.	10 33			A Friend, First Ch.....	5 00

Naugatuck, by Miss E. Spencer .....	\$150 00
New Britain, Sophia and Cordelia Stanley Estates, Mrs. J. A. Loomis, Ex.....	668 95
New Haven, M. J. C.....	2 00
Dwight Place Ch., Bible School, by M. W. Curtiss, for Salary Fund.....	25 00
United Ch., by C. E. P. Sanford.....	500 00
Rev. Burdett Hart, D.D.....	5 00
New Milford, Y. P. S. C. E. of First, by Rev. F. A. Johnson.....	10 02
New Preston, Y. P. S. C. E., by L. P. Burnham.....	2 00
Norfolk, S.....	1 00
Northfield, Ch., add'l, by H. C. Peck.....	2 88
Plainville, Friends.....	10 00
Pomfret, Estate of Mrs. Mary R. Hunt, by Dr. L. Jewett, Ex.....	2,500 00
Salisbury, by T. F. Dexter.....	56 66
By Rev. J. C. Goddard.....	83 93
Stratford, S. S., by E. H. Judson.....	15 00
Waterbury, Mrs. W. H. Camp.....	100 00
Westminster, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. M. Pellett.....	3 55
Winsted, O. S. Rexford.....	5 00

## NEW YORK \$1,782.30.

Received by William Spalding, Treas.:	
Brandon.....	\$4 50
Buffalo, Fitch Memorial.....	6 50
Busti.....	3 00
Copenhagen, Mrs. Green.....	1 00
East Ashford.....	25
Elmira, St. Luke's.....	11 00
Little Valley.....	5 00
Middletown, North Street Ch.....	7 00
North Collins.....	26 00
Richville, Welsh.....	5 00
Sinclairville.....	12 50
Sloan.....	4 00
Summer Hill.....	5 00
Syracuse, Good Will.....	1 46

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Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas.:	
Brooklyn, Ch. of the Pilgrims, for Salary Fund.....	\$50 00
Cortland, Silver Circle.....	15 00
Fairport.....	19 50
Homer.....	8 00
Mt. Vernon.....	10 00
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle.....	130 50

Brooklyn, Central Ch., by Rev. C. C. Creegan, D.D.....	60 00
Ch. of the Pilgrims, by J. E. Leech.....	919 97
Lewis Avenue Ch., by F. E. Odell.....	110 59
South Ch., \$100; South Cong. Mission, \$25, by E. D. Ford.....	125 00
Parkville, by Rev. W. A. Kirkwood.....	3 00
Little Morris's Birthday Gifts, In Memoriam.....	2 00
Coventryville, First, by Rev. R. C. Channing.....	11 75
Crown Point, Mrs. L. J. Murdock.....	1 00
Greene, Y. P. S. C. E., by G. Gilliland, for Salary Fund.....	2 06
Groton, Miss E. E. Vantine.....	1 40
Ithaca, A. M. Hull, by S. D. Sawyer.....	10 00
Morrisania, Forest Avenue Ch., \$15; S. S., \$10.40; C. E. Soc., \$25, by Rev. W. S. Woolworth.....	50 49
New York City, Bethany Y. P. S. C. E., \$14; An ex-Home Missionary, \$25.....	39 00
Trinity Ch., by R. Turner.....	10 00
New York Mills, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Welsh Ch., by W. Rowland....	2 00

Orient, by M. B. Brown.....	\$29 02
Pulaski, A Friend, Silver Circle.....	5 00
Richmond Hill, Y. P. S. C. E. of Union Ch., by G. Weston, Jr.....	5 00
Sherburne, by M. D. Botsford.....	40 06
Warsaw, by F. W. Relyea.....	17 90
Weedsport, Mrs. E. A. Hanmer.....	2 00
West Bloomfield, Y. P. S. C. E., by G. Tyler, for Salary Fund.....	5 00
West Brook, Mrs. T. S. Hoyt.....	5 00

## NEW JERSEY—\$84.96.

Jersey City, First, by W. S. Hungerford.....	71 96
A Friend.....	3 00
Newark, "G.".....	10 00

## PENNSYLVANIA—\$151.47.

Arnot, Swedish Ch., by Rev. C. J. Wideberg.....	2 20
Braddock, by Rev. H. A. Schauffler, D.D.....	5 00
Rev. J. Uhrin, \$1; Rev. J. Jelinek, \$2.....	3 00
Chandler's Valley, Swedish Ch., by Rev. C. J. Lundquist.....	1 25
Clifford, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., by Miss M. E. Richards.....	17 00
Edwardsdale, Welsh Ch., by Rev. T. C. Edwards.....	17 50
Guy's Mills, by H. J. Drake.....	4 46
Lansford, Welsh Ch., by Rev. F. T. Evans.....	5 00
Nanticoke, Bethel Ch., by Rev. W. Smith.....	13 86
Philadelphia, A Friend.....	52 00
Scranton, Providence Welsh Ch., by Rev. R. S. Jones.....	15 00
Spring Creek and West Spring Creek, by Rev. T. D. Henshaw.....	5 20
Vandling, by Rev. J. G. Evans.....	10 00

## MARYLAND—\$900.50; of which legacy, \$886.85.

Baltimore, First, by C. S. Houghton.....	13 65
Estate of J. H. Stickney.....	886 85

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$135.00.

Woman's H. M. Union of N. J. Assoc., Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas.:	
Washington, of which \$50 for Salary Fund.....	75 00
S. S. of the First, by J. P. Stephenson.....	50 00
F. W. Tuckerman.....	10 00

## GEORGIA—\$8.50.

Americus, Davis Chappell, by J. F. Black.....	3 50
Demorest, by Rev. W. O. Phillips....	5 00

## ALABAMA—\$6.00.

Edwardsville, Salem Ch., \$2; Rosewood, New Harmony Ch., \$2; Chulafinnee, Fairview Ch., \$2.....	6 00
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## LOUISIANA—\$25.56.

Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, Treas.:	
New Orleans, University Ch. Aux.....	10 00

Iowa, by Rev. C. F. Sheldon.....	\$5 00
Lake Charles, by Rev. C. F. Sheldon	7 40
Welsh, by Rev. E. Paradis.....	3 16

## FLORIDA—\$64.98.

Received by Rev. S. F. Gale :	
Mount Dora.....	\$5 00
Sanford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Tangerine.....	1 88

Interlachen, by Rev. W. D. Brown...	16 88
Moss Bluff, by Rev. E. D. Luter....	8 50
Orange City, First, by S. M. Morse..	3 00
	36 60

Shawnee, by R. D. Reese...	\$4 00
South Newbury, add'l, by	
Rev. E. O. Mead.....	1 30
Tallmadge, Welsh, by Miss	
M. A. Thomas.....	2 00

\$229 74

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.,	
Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleve-	
land :	
Chatham, S. S., by Mrs. C.	
A. Moody.....	\$15 00
Cleveland, Plymouth, Miss	
M. A. Kendrick.....	2 00
Pilgrim, by H. C. Holt..	113 10
	\$130 10

## TEXAS—\$20.50.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. J. H.	
Gray, Treas.:	
Dallas, First, Ladies' Soc. .	\$15 50
Grand Avenue, S.S. Rally.	5 00

20 50

## OKLAHOMA—\$17.60.

Burwick and Cimarron, by Rev. S. J.	
McReynolds.....	3 00
Newkirk, First, by Rev. C. W. Sny-	
der.....	14 60

Woman's H. M. Union,	
Mrs. G. B. Brown,	
Treas.:	
Brecksville, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
Bible Readers Home...	3 00
Claridon.....	12 50
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue	10 00
Columbus, First.....	10 00
Oberlin, First, L. A. S.,	
Bible Readers Home...	10 00
Strongsville.....	3 00
Toledo, Central, W. M. U.	10 00
	\$58 50

188 60

## NEW MEXICO—\$2.55.

San Rafael, by Rev. G. E. Birlew....	2 55
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## TENNESSEE—\$18.25.

Memphis, Miss. Soc., by J. G. Bock..	18 25
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## OHIO—\$600.35.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, D.D.:	
Berea, Rev. S. B. Beard,	
special.....	\$2 50
Bluescreek, by V. C. Crist..	1 75
Brownhelm, Ch., \$6.20; S.	
S., \$2.81, by S. Bacon....	9 01
Cincinnati, Vine Street, add'l	
by J. R. Henderson.....	2 00
Cleveland, Irving Street, by	
Rev. J. A. Davidson....	25 00
Pilgrim, by H. C. Holt...	64 66
Union, Ladies' Aid Soc....	11 00
Hough Avenue, by C. H.	
Ball.....	18 06
Trinity, by E. G. Phillips.	13 71
Olivet, by Mrs. J. L.	
Young.....	1 61
Rev. W. F. McMillen....	5 00
Thomas Piwonka.....	10 00
Fredericksburg, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
by Mrs. L. Hurst.....	5 00
Huntsburg, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
by F. Hannum.....	1 00
Lafayette, by G. W.	
Buchanan.....	10 25
Marysville, by Rev. W. S.	
Bugbey.....	8 46
North Amherst, add'l, by	
Rev. P. E. Harding.....	1 00
North Bloomfield, by Miss	
M. J. McAdoo.....	7 00
North Madison, by Rev. A.	
D. Barber, D.D.....	16 00
Norwalk, Rally, coll. by	
A. T. Symons.....	4 10
Saybrook, Mission Band, of	
which 50c. from Rev. C.	
W. Grupe, by W. C. Sex-	
ton.....	5 33

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. G. B.	
Brown, Treas.:	
For Salary Fund:	
Alexandria, L. A. S.....	\$2 50
Ashtabula, Y. P. S. C. E.,	3 00
Chatham, L. H. M. S....	3 00
Cleveland, East Madison	
Avenue, Y. P. S. C. E..	2 50
Elyria.....	30 00
Mansfield, Mayflower...	3 40
Medina.....	10 00
North Amherst, J. C. E..	4 20
Oberlin, First, L. A. S..	10 10
Second.....	40 00
S. S.....	20 00
	\$128 70

Oberlin, First, Minnie	
Hart's Dime Bank.....	5 00
Toledo, Central, Mrs.	
Towns' Dime Bank...	5 30

139 00

Claridon, Hon. L. Taylor.....	40
Ellsworth, Mrs. B. W. Allen.....	10 00
North Madison, Y. P. S. C. E., by	
Mrs. J. Sanderson.....	2 00
Oberlin, Rev. S. F. Porter.....	10 00
Mrs. E. B. Clarke.....	10 00
Painesville, M. C. Noyes.....	5 00
Toledo, Central Ch., by C. C. Jenkins	5 61

## INDIANA—\$146.00.

Received by Rev. E. D. Curtis, D.D.:	
Cedarwood.....	\$1 00
Central.....	4 00
Terre Haute, First.....	20 00
Washington.....	10 00

35 00

Angola, Miss A. E. Voorhees.....	100 00
Elwood, by Rev. R. Powell.....	7 00
Fort Wayne, South S. S., by W. A. S.	
Parry.....	4 00

## ILLINOIS—\$75.00.

Illinois H. M. Soc., by A. B. Mead,	
Treas.....	75 00

## MISSOURI—\$522.91.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. K. L. Mills, Treas.:	
Amity, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$50 75
Aurora, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 50
Cole Camp, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00
De Soto.....	10 00
Eldon.....	2 00
Hannibal.....	5 45
Kansas City, First, Ladies' Union.....	7 43
Y. P. S. C. E.....	12 50
Fourth.....	1 00
Clyde, Ladies' Union.....	21 90
Olivet.....	4 25
Lebanon.....	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Neosho.....	6 00
Pierce City.....	20 00
Rogers, Ark., Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
St. Louis, Plymouth.....	3 65
Compton Hill.....	5 00
Pilgrim.....	218 96
First.....	30 00
Y. L. M. S.....	29 40
People's Tabernacle.....	17 00
Fountain Park.....	40 00
Central.....	27 00
Emmanuel.....	1 50
Webster Groves.....	8 55

Less expenses..... \$505 84  
25 29

\$480 55

Meadville and Chillicothe, by Rev. J. W. Eldred.....	2 00
Neosho, First, of which \$3.20 from the Y. P. S. C. E., by E. Skewes.....	20 85
St. Louis, First, by F. T. Knox.....	12 76
Covenant Ch. of Maplewood, by Rev. T. T. Holway.....	6 75

## MICHIGAN—\$5.00.

Saline, A Friend.....	5 00
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## WISCONSIN—\$35.24.

Antigo, \$22.50: West Superior, Pilgrim Ch., Woman's Miss. Soc., \$12.74, by Rev. T. G. Crassie.....	35 24
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## IOWA—\$14.67.

Ellsworth, Mrs. W. Willis.....	50
Grinnell, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. R. Potter.....	3 00
Hull, by J. S. Wilson.....	4 17
New Hampton, German Ch., by Rev. W. H. Dorn.....	5 00
Rowan, G. Riedasch.....	2 00

## MINNESOTA—\$215.46.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley.:	
Ada.....	\$11 37
Belgrade.....	8 80
Cottage Grove.....	3 92
Crookston.....	6 46
Fairmont.....	10 00
Hawley.....	4 70
Lake Belt.....	5 00
Marshall.....	2 44
Minneapolis, Mizpah.....	3 00
Cash.....	5 00
Morristown.....	9 25
New Ulm.....	11 28

Plainview.....	\$17 14
Princeton.....	13 53
Rochester, W. J. Eaton.....	25 00
Selma.....	4 00
Sherburn.....	4 07
Waterville.....	12 73
Worthington.....	5 59

\$163 28

Big Lake and Orrock, by Rev. F. P. Ferguson.....	10 00
Duluth, A. B. Siewert.....	3 00
Fosston, by Rev. C. F. Blomquist.....	15 00
Glenwood, Union Ch., by Rev. F. A. Sumner.....	50
Glyndon, Ch. and S. S., by C. G. Tracy.....	7 38
St. Paul, People's Ch., Hazel Park, by Rev. T. A. Turner.....	3 00
Spencer Brook, Scand., by Rev. A. P. Engstrom.....	1 30
Winona, Mrs. E. W. Morris.....	12 00

## KANSAS—\$278.74.

Received by A. C. Hogbin, Treas.:	
Atchison, Ch., \$9.12; S. S., \$3.06.....	\$12 18
Dover.....	2 79
Ellis.....	9 00
Independence.....	7 50
Little River.....	5 00
Netawaka.....	3 50
Russell.....	3 50
Severy.....	5 00
Western Park.....	2 87

\$1 34

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. E. C. Read, Treas., to const. Miss N. Goodell a L. M.:	
Blue Rapids.....	\$6 25
Burlington.....	10 00
Clay Center.....	5 00
Jr. C. E.....	1 00
Fairview.....	2 00
Highland.....	2 00
Paola.....	5 00
Ridgeway, Miss. Soc.....	3 50
Sabetha.....	3 50
Seabrook.....	2 50
Jr. C. E.....	50
Smith Center.....	4 00
Stafford.....	6 00
Stockton.....	5 00
Wellsville, Christmas Offering.....	4 00
Westmoreland.....	3 30

Less expenses..... \$63 55  
1 27

62 28

Dunlap, Sunnyside, and Big John, by Rev. W. R. Bair.....	3 00
Fredonia, First, by Rev. H. D. Herr.....	6 42
Manhattan, First, by C. P. Blachly.....	52 81
Sabetha, by Rev. W. C. Veazie.....	70 00
Seabrook and Sunnyside, by Rev. J. E. Kirkpatrick.....	11 77
Valencia, by Rev. C. E. Roberts.....	5 00
Village Creek, by Dea. F. J. Cooper.....	3 35
White City, by Rev. E. Richards.....	21 77

## NEBRASKA—\$89.53.

Brunswick and Willowdale, by Rev. G. T. Noyce.....	1 25
Calhoun, by A. C. Couchman.....	1 00
David City, Y. P. S. C. E., by W. Taylor.....	4 00



Harbine, Ch., S. S., Y. P. S. C. E. Jr., and Woman's Soc., by Rev. G. J. Battey.....	\$9 52
Hastings, German Ch., by Rev. C. W. Wuerschmidt.....	4 00
Havelock, First, by Rev. S. Wood.....	1 25
Hot Springs, Ch., \$5; S. S., \$1.35; Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.45, by Mrs. C. L. Cook.....	7 80
Irrington, by C. R. Brewster.....	6 34
Lincoln, Swedish Ch., by Rev. J. M. Tillberg.....	1 50
Moline, Mennonite Ch., by Rev. A. G. Beitel.....	25 40
Nelson, German Ch., by Rev. P. Lich Norfolk, Second, by Mrs. C. J. Chapman.....	2 00
Rev. J. M. Jefferies.....	2 68
Pickrell, Mission Band of Children, by Mrs. L. E. Austin.....	5 00
Pierce, by Mrs. B. Lindsay.....	2 75
Plymouth, First, S. S. and Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. G. J. Battey.....	2 00
	13 04

## NORTH DAKOTA—\$91.11.

Received by Rev. H. C. Simmons:	
Michigan City.....	\$3 00
Rose Valley.....	5 00

## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs.

J. M. Fisher, Treas.:	
Buxton.....	5 00
Cooperstown.....	9 65
Kensal.....	2 75
Portland.....	3 25

Cando, Ch., \$10.20; S. S., \$1.86; C. A. Mack, \$8.36, by Rev. C. A. Mack Carrington, Ch. of Christ, by Rev. J. L. Jones.....	20 42
Fargo, Scand., by Rev. L. J. Pederson.....	5 00
Fessenden, Hoffnungsvoll, Einheits, and Eigenheim, German Chs., by Rev. D. Neuenschwander.....	21 79
Forman, Rutland, Cayuga, and Havana, by Rev. S. Williams.....	1 50
Kensal, Courtney, and Wimbledon, by Rev. J. L. Martin.....	1 00
Seimenthal, \$2.75; Eigenfeld, \$2; Bethanien, \$3, by Rev. P. Burkhardt.....	7 75

## SOUTH DAKOTA—\$331.79.

Received by Rev. W. H. Thrall:	
Clark.....	\$10 00
Freedom and Winred.....	10 50
Huron.....	56 75
Watertown, Friends.....	1 00

## Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. A. M. Wilcox, Treas.:

Academy.....	\$2 80
Armour.....	1 60
Badger Lake.....	9 76
Buffalo Gap.....	1 76
Deadwood.....	2 00
Firesteel.....	3 75
Huron.....	9 81
Mitchell.....	7 00
Myron.....	5 00
Redfield.....	4 00
Santee.....	5 55
Vermillion.....	12 75
Wakonda.....	7 00
Yankton.....	6 00

Canova, \$7.50; Dover, \$11, by Rev. G. E. Green.....	\$18 50
Canova and Dover, by Rev. G. E. Green.....	5 75
Gettysburg, Rev. L. A. Brink.....	5 00
Huron, Rev. W. H. Thrall, in memory of Mrs. W. H. Thrall.....	100 00
Redfield, by Rev. L. Reynolds.....	8 05
Sioux Falls, First, by W. R. Kingsbury.....	12 47
South Shore, \$11.50; Mazeppa, \$3.25; Troy, \$5.25, by Rev. H. A. Lyman.....	20 00
Turton, by Rev. R. J. Locke.....	5 00

## COLORADO—\$135.02.

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Treas.....	\$36 54
Denver, Third.....	7 28
Highland Lake.....	6 18
	50 00
Colorado Springs, Second, by Rev. M. D. Ormes.....	11 00
Denver, Second, \$32.85; Montrose, \$5.50, by Rev. H. Sanderson.....	38 35
People's Tabernacle Ch., by Rev. T. A. Uzzell.....	25 00
Harmon, by Rev. H. M. Skeels.....	9 07
Red Cliff, by Rev. C. A. Forbes.....	1 60

*Erratum:* Denver, Colo., Third Ch., \$10, should be credited to the Second Ch., Denver. Erroneously ack. in February Home Missionary under Woman's H. M. Union.

## MONTANA—\$8.25.

Red Lodge, by Rev. W. H. Watson.....	7 00
Rimini, by Rev. W. S. Bell.....	1 25

## CALIFORNIA—\$201.46.

Woman's H. M. Union Southern California, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Treas.:	
Claremont, Jr. C. E.....	\$1 60
Mentone.....	8 00
Ontario, Jr. C. E.....	1 50
Pomona, Pilgrim Ch., Y. P. S. C. E.....	13 50
Redlands, Ladies' Union.....	10 00
San Diego, S. S.....	15 62
Santa Ana, S. S.....	86
Santa Barbara.....	5 00
South Riverside.....	1 83
Whittier, S. S.....	2 00

59 91

Black Diamond, New York Ch., by Rev. F. H. Wales.....	5 00
Glen Ellen, \$5.15; Kenwood, \$20, by Rev. J. D. Foster.....	25 15
Needles, by Rev. J. F. Brown.....	20 00
Nordhoff, by Rev. F. F. Pearse.....	30 85
Pacific Grove, Mayflower Ch., by Rev. H. W. Mote.....	3 75
Palermo, Mrs. Gray, by Rev. W. H. Robinson.....	17 00
Rocklin, by Rev. E. D. Haven.....	4 50
San Bernardino, Bethel Mission, by Rev. J. H. Stewart.....	2 00
San Bernardino, E. Smith.....	5 00
San Luis Obispo, First, by Rev. W. W. Madge.....	8 30
Stockton, Rev. J. C. Holbrook, D.D.....	10 00
Whittier, by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	10 00

## OREGON—\$56.59.

Received by Rev. C. F. Clapp:	
Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, Treas.....	\$24 91

78 77

Condon. P. McPherson.....	\$2 50		
Portland, Hassalo Street Ch.	4 00		
		\$31 41	
Condon, Lexington, and Ione, by Rev. U. S. Drake .....	6 28		
Freewater, by Rev. W. Hurlburt.....	1 15		
Oregon City, Y. P. S. C. E., add'l, by Rev. C. F. Clapp.....	1 00		
Portland, German Ch., by Rev. J. Koch.....	5 00		
Salem, S. S. of First, by I. A. Macrum, Treas. Or. H. M. S.....	8 25		
Waukomis and Mt. Calvary, by Rev. J. Foster.....	2 00		
Willsburg, by Rev. G. A. Rockwood, thro' I. A. Macrum, Treas. Or. H. M. S.....	1 50		
			\$6 15
			3 00
			3 00
			2 50
			5 00
			100 73
			\$18,200 39

Contributions in February, excluding contributions for the debt.....	\$8,586 76
Legacies in February .....	9,110 30
Contributions for the debt in February.....	340 34
Total receipts in February.....	\$18,316 40
Contributions for the debt to March 1st :	
General O. O. Howard Roll of Honor.....	\$88,556 58
Special for debt.....	9,077 95
	\$97,634 53

*Donations of Clothing, etc.*

Aurora, Ill., Corban Asso. of New England Ch., by Mrs. D. W. Hurd, two barrels.....	\$70 00	L. B. S. of Dwight Place Ch., by Mrs. H. S. Higby, box and barrel.....	\$103 00
Claremont, N. H., Ladies' Asso., by Fannie S. Goss, barrel.....	50 00	New Lebanon, N. Y., by Theo. W. Harris, box and barrel.....	55 00
Hartford, Conn., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by E. C. Curtis, barrel and package.....	132 00	New York City Hospital Book and Newspaper Soc., two packages.....	
Second Ch., by Mrs. M. H. Graves, two barrels (and cash, \$12.00).....	146 29	Norwich, N. Y., Woman's Working Asso. of First Ch., by Mrs. John P. Hall, barrel.....	58 50
Keene, N. H., Home Miss. Asso. of First Ch., by W. I. Bishop, box and barrel.....	79 00	Orange, Conn., by Mrs. S. D. Russell, box.....	28 22
Lyme, N. H., Ladies, by Mrs. A. G. Washburn, box.....		Somersworth, N. H., Ladies, by Cora Stickney, barrel.....	70 00
Middletown Springs, Vt., W. B. M. Aux., by Henry L. Bailey, barrel.....	46 00	Southport, Conn., by Mrs. Simon C. Sherwood, box and barrel.....	140 00
Newbury, Vt., Two Friends, by Mrs. Anna E. Keyes, box.....		Toledo, O., Jeannette Mission Circle of Second Ch., by Mrs. Florence M. Nauts, barrel (and cash, \$3.25).....	32 25
New Britain, Conn., First Ch. of Christ, by Emma L. Pickett, barrel.....	30 70	Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Washington St. Ch., by Mrs. L. E. Johnson, box and barrel.....	90 00
New Haven, Conn., L. H. M. S. of First Ch., by Mrs. J. G. Lewis, four boxes United Ch., by Sarah E. Champion, two boxes and package.....	659 47		
	359 21		\$2,140 64

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Woman's Home Missionary Association in February, 1897. MRS. LOUISE A. KELLOGG, Secretary*

Acton, Ladies, by Miss Evelina Davis, box.....	\$27 00	Newburyport, North Ch., Powell Mission Circle, by Mrs. E. J. Bonnette, one and one-half barrels.....	\$120 00
Bedford, United Workers, by Mrs. W. G. Webber, barrels.....	70 00	Prospect Street Ch., H. M. S., by Mrs. E. J. Bonnette, two barrels.....	182 71
Boston, Old South Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. Wm. B. Garritt, two barrels.....	160 62	Pawtucket, friends in Central Falls Ch., by Miss L. A. Tracy, box.....	25 00
Walnut Avenue Ch., W. H. M. S., by Miss Grace Sorm, three barrels.....	225 00	Aux., by Mrs. L. B. Goff, box.....	130 00
Brockton, Porter Ch., Aux., by Mrs. Frank W. Sears, two barrels.....	69 68	Peabody, Aux., by Mrs. Thomas M. Stimpson, barrel.....	63 16
Cranston, R. I., Edgewood Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. D. G. Markham, two barrels.....	108 00	Pittsfield, First Ch., L. B. S., by Mrs. Sarah B. Adam, barrel.....	197 28
Dalton, L. S. S., by Miss Clara L. Crane, barrel.....	89 60	Salem, Tabernacle Ch., Aux., by Mrs. Choate, case and two barrels.....	250 00
Holliston, Ladies, by Mrs. George B. Fiske, barrel.....		Somerville, Broadway Ch., Ladies, by Miss M. S. Higgins, barrel.....	50 00
Millbury, Aux., by Mrs. Hattie E. Seales, (\$8) and two barrels.....	131 33	South Sudbury, Aux., by Mrs. H. H. Brown, barrel.....	100 88

Spencer, Ladies, by Mrs. C. O. Tyler, barrel.....	\$57 00	Worcester, Central Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. C. G. Leland, barrel.....	\$150 00
Springfield, First Ch., W. H. M. S., by Mrs. C. A. Graves, barrel.....	96 35	Immanuel Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. L. W. Murdock, barrel.....	17 50
Westfield, Second Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. Olin C. Towle, barrel.....	90 43	Union Ch., Ladies, by Miss Mabel Lancaster, barrel.....	120 00
Westhampton, L. B. S., by Miss Louisa J. Montague, barrel.....	25 09		\$2,556 63

## AUXILIARY STATE RECEIPTS

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society, from November 21, 1896, to January 30, 1897.*

JOHN L. CROSBY, Treasurer

Aroostook Conference, by G. B. Hescock.....	\$20 00	North Yarmouth, Ch., by Howard Cole	\$3 20
Auburn, High St., Young Ladies' Mission Band, for Cong. Home Miss. Soc., by Harriet C. Reynoldson.....	10 00	Orland, by Miss Emma Buck.....	20 00
Bangor, Essex St.....	6 10	Phippsburg, Ch., by F. S. Bowker.....	5 28
Central, S. S., Mrs. J. W. Porter's class.....	3 00	Pittsfield, Mass., by Rev. J. L. Jenkins, D. D.....	31 33
Ch., by G. S. Hall.....	100 00	Portland, State St., Ch., by H. M. Bailey	325 29
S. S., by R. J. Sawyer.....	3 00	Ligonla, Ch., by Mrs. William Thomas	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E., by Henry F. Drummond.....	28 00	W. C. Rideout, by Rev. D. P. Hatch.	2 00
First, by W. P. Hubbard.....	50 00	Two Friends.....	1 00
Bath, Central, by J. C. Ledyard.....	56 45	High St., Ch., by H. W. Shaylor.....	200 00
Miss Mary D. Moody, legacy (in part, by J. R. Kelley and G. C. Moses, Exs.).....	1,500 00	St. Lawrence St., Ch., by J. J. Gerrish	10 00
Dedham, Ch., by Rev. H. A. Freeman.....	3 00	Presque Isle, Y. P. S. C. E., add. by Rev. C. Harbutt.....	5 00
Ellsworth, Ch., by Z. H. Brimmer.....	5 75	Princeton, Ch., by Rev. Charles Whittier.....	11 52
Garland, Ch.....	4 00	Saco, First, by Fred A. Lord.....	6 15
Gray, by Rev. E. M. Cousins.....	5 70	Sebago Lake, Ch., by Mrs. N. E. Sawyer.....	2 00
Harpwell Center, Friends, by Mrs. E. P. Morse.....	2 00	Skowhegan, Island Ave., Ch., by Jas. N. Page.....	25 00
Holden, Ch., by Rev. H. A. Freeman.....	8 00	South Bridgton, Ch., by T. B. Knapp, which with prev. gifts to const. Miss Ethel M. Knights a L. M.....	3 25
Houlton, Ch., by F. L. Cook.....	8 80	Temple, Ch., by J. R. Wilson.....	6 00
Jackman, Ch., by W. L. Muttart.....	10 00	Union Conf., by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	10 00
By Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	9 60	Unknown, "F., 1896".....	200 00
Jonesport, S. S., by Mrs. D. D. Kelley.....	17 00	Wells, Barak Maxwell.....	20 00
Kennebunkport, Mrs. Horace Smith.....	11 00	West Brooksville, Ch., by Mrs. Maggie E. Blodgett.....	2 70
Second, Ch., by W. R. Wheelwright.....	5 00	Winthrop, by Rev. Geo. H. Credeford, for Ashland Ch.....	5 00
Kennebunk Union, by H. S. Bingham.....	39 53	York, Second, by J. H. Moody.....	13 00
Kittery Point, by Rev. H. V. Emmons.....	5 00	By C. C. Barrell.....	2 30
Lewiston, Pine St., by A. L. Templeton.....	31 05	Rev. James Ramage.....	5 00
Limerick, Ch., by Rev. J. A. Waterworth.....	6 00	Woman's Me. Miss. Aux.....	333 69
Little Deer Isle, by Rev. Charles Whittier.....	7 47	Income from Investments.....	723 15
Machias, Center St., S. S., by Hatie M. Heaton.....	6 30		\$3,943 61
North Belfast, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. D. P. Hatch.....	5 00	Previously acknowledged.....	1,537 68
		Total from Sept. 15, '96, to Jan. 30, '97.....	\$5,481 29

## VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society from January 20 to February 20, 1897. WM. C. TYLER, Treasurer*

Bakersfield.....	\$2 68	Brandon.....	\$18 00
Barton, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S....	4 37	Burlington, First.....	186 00
Brookfield, First.....	4 23	Mrs. E. N. Keeler.....	1 00
For C. H. M. S.....	4 22	Charlotte.....	7 12
Second.....	7 12	Cornwall, Y. P. S. C. E., for C. H. M. S....	2 01
For C. H. M. S.....	7 13	Coventry.....	5 00

Greensboro, Rev. C. L. Guild.....	\$5 00	St. Johnsbury, East.....	\$5 00
Guildhall.....	5 25	North Ch.....	75 00
Jeffersonville.....	10 00	For C. H. M. S.....	75 00
Lamoille County.....	100 00	Wolcott, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00
Newbury, West.....	1 54	Interest.....	67 00
Northfield.....	15 27	Vermont Missionary.....	21 05
Pownal, North.....	2 50		
			\$633 49

## MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in February, 1897.* REV.

EDWIN B. PALMER, *Treasurer*

Amherst, A Friend.....	\$30 00	Freetown, Hatheway, Mrs. A., \$2.00; Nichols, Mrs. I. L., \$2.00.....	\$4 00
Andover, Ballardvale, Union, by Wm. E. Shaw, C. E. day Thank-offer- ing.....	7 13	Greenfield, First, by Rev. C. H. Watson Hadley (North), Second, by H. C. Rus- sell.....	25 00
Bank Balances, Jan. interest.....	17 27	Hamden County, an anonymous "Friend of the Cause".....	30 00
Barnstable, West, by Rev. S. W. Clarke, Bernardston, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. H. L. Crowell.....	5 00	Hanover, Second, by A. M. Barstow... Hanson, by I. C. Howland.....	100 00
Boston, A Friend.....	2 55	Harwich, by Wm. H. Underwood.... Hatfield, Y. P. S. C. E., by Alpheus Cowles.....	1 04
Boylston, by G. E. S. Kinney.....	20 00	Hawley, West, by Clarence C. Fuller, Taft thank-offering.....	6 02
Dorchester, Central, Y. P. S. C. E., by Alice M. Pinkham, towards sal- ary of Rev. John Rood.....	45 47	Holyoke, Second, Y. P. S. C. E., by Josephine Myers, for work among foreign population.....	25 75
Fullarton, Mrs. Jacob, towards sal- ary of Rev. Geo. Baker, Washou- gal, Wash.....	2 00	Ipswich, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Alice F. Thomas, towards salary of Rev. C. J. Hansen.....	1 21
Village, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Reuben Swan, w. p. g. to const. Mrs. Fred M. Swan a L. M. ....	25 00	Kioto, Japan, "Silver Exchange," to const. Walter Cary a L. M. of C. H. M. S.....	5 36
Jam. Plain, Swett, Sam'l W., Est. of, Remnant, \$2,500.00.*	22 00	Lancaster, Evan., by L. Rowell.....	10 00
Central S. S., by E. Seaverns, for local Chinese work, \$25.00.*		Lawrence, Armenian Cong., by Rev. W. E. Walcott, for local Armenian work, \$25.00.*	3 00
Old South, by Moses Merrill, for local Chinese work, \$25.00.*		Leominster, North, Ch., \$12.55; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.00, by Lucy E. Shedd... Lexington, Shaw, Mrs. E. A., for ar- rears of salary.....	50 00
Richardson, Mrs., for relief of debt .. Roslindale, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss B. J. Morrison, salary of Rev. S. H. Schwab, \$7.75.*	5 00	Lowell, High St., S. S., by S. N. Wood, for work among Greeks, \$17.00.*	40 95
Shawmut, by D. E. Partridge, for local Chinese work, \$5.00.*		Lynnfield, Center, by Rev. Geo. E. Freeman.....	14 55
Union, by W. H. White.....	386 11	Mansfield, by Rev. Jacob Ide.....	5 00
S. S., by Geo. H. Emerson.....	25 00	Maynard, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Annie G. Adams.....	17 00
Y. P. S. C. E., by H. E. Heath, C. E. day gift.....	25 00	Merrimac, by F. O. Davis.....	14 25
X.....	5 00	Montague, Turner's Falls, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. H. C. Adams.....	10 00
Bradford, First, by S. W. Carleton ....	50 00	Newton, Auburndale, Kelley, Edw. P. (Center), First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. E. M. Noyes, for foreign pop.....	44 40
Braintree, First, L. H. M. S., by Miss S. H. Thayer, for relief of debt and to const. Mrs. Susannah H. Wheeler a L. M.....	30 00	Newtonville, Howe Y. P. S. C. E., by Percy G. Stiles.....	9 40
Brockton (Campello), South, S. S., by Martha S. Fanning.....	13 98	Norfolk Union, by Wm. E. Mann.....	10 00
Brookline, Harvard, by Jas. H. Shap- leigh.....	278 40	Northampton, Florence S. S., by W. M. Smith, for work of Dr. H. A. Schauf- fler.....	12 00
Cambridge, J. E. S., for C. H. M. S.... North Ave., by Adam G. Wilson.....	5 00	Northboro, Evan., Ch. and S. S., by Miss A. A. Adams.....	45 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mabel W. Snow.....	5 00	North Brookfield, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Herbert Sargeant, for work among foreign population.....	10 18
Prospect St., R. L. S.....	75 00	Oakham, Y. P. S. C. E., by Geo. H. Morse.....	10 00
Chelsea, Central, by W. B. Denison.... Concord, Norwegian Ch., by R. Petersen Dartmouth, South, Y. P. S. C. E. day offering, by Jane R. Baker.....	33 75	Palmer, First (Thorndike), by Chas. Smith.....	1 13
Dudley, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. Eva Wil- son.....	10 00	Petersham, by Rev. D. E. Adams.....	8 75
Dunstable, by W. P. Proctor.....	5 00	Princeton, by Rev. C. A. White.....	5 20
Duxbury, Sen. Y. P. S. C. E., \$4.36; Jun. Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.64, by Emma B. Bates, towards salary of Rev. John Rood.....	53 00	"R.".....	98 63
Everett, Kent, Miss Mary.....	1 40	Reading, by Dean Peabody.....	1 00
Foxboro, Y. P. S. C. E., by P. B. Rich- mond, towards salary of Rev. S. H. Schwab, \$10.00.*		Revere, First, by W. M. Hill.....	25 00
			3 30

\* Received and credited on Special Accounts.



Rowley, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Nellie F. Jackson .....	\$12 00	Ware, First, by W. L. Brakenridge, w. p. g. to const. Dea. N. H. Anderson a L. M. ....	\$26 00
Rutland, First, Y. P. S. C. E., by Elsie L. Nourse, for work among foreign population .....	5 00	Wayland, Trinitarian, by F. H. Fowler .....	7 13
Saugus, Cliftondale, by Miss H. A. Haywood .....	16 62	Wellesley College, Cummings, Prof. Clara E. ....	25 00
Sharon, by D. W. Pettee .....	17 46	Westboro', Newcomb, G. S. ....	5 00
Somerville, Broadway, by F. S. Holden .....	27 72	Westfield, Second, by R. L. Scott .....	52 37
South Hadley Falls, by A. N. Chapin, Rally aftermath .....	13 64	Westhampton, by A. D. Montague .....	18 00
Spencer, Y. P. S. C. E., by Elizabeth Bacon, towards sal. of Rev. S. H. Schwab, \$7.75.* .....	5 00	Weston, by J. C. MacDonald .....	7 00
Springfield, Anonymous .....	15 00	Whitcomb, David, fund, Income of .....	125 00
Hope, Y. P. S. C. E., by Harry H. Lane .....	146 88	Williamstown, Fernald, Prof. O. M. ....	20 00
Olivet, by George B. Kilbon, to const. Edith Grace Albro and Helen A. Camp L. Ms. of C. H. M. S. ....	50 00	South, Y. P. S. C. E., by Lula E. Young .....	57
Sutton, Wilkinsonville, A Friend, to const. Mrs. A. P. Pratt, of Grafton, a L. M. of C. H. M. S. ....	25	Worcester, Emmanuel, Ch. and S. S., by L. Pratt, Taft thank-offering .....	34 00
Upton, add'l, by B. C. Wood .....		Woman's Home Missionary Association, by Miss A. C. Bridgman, Treas.: Hyde Park Auxiliary, for relief of C. H. M. S. debt. ....	\$52 00
			52 00
		HOME MISSIONARY .....	\$2,565 22
			13 40
			\$2,578 62

\* Received and credited on Special Account.

## HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in February, 1897. WARD W. JACOBS, Treasurer*

Burlington, by Samuel Russell .....	\$12 03	Poquonock, see Windsor.	
Colchester, First, Ch. and S. S., by Edward F. Strong .....	25 34	Salisbury, by Theo. F. Dexter .....	\$25 00
Greenwich, Stanwich, by L. M. Close . Y. P. S. C. E. ....	10 00	Somers, by L. W. Percival .....	14 53
Hartford, First, by C. T. Welles .....	5 00	Stanwich, see Greenwich.	
For C. H. M. S. ....	161 15	Stratford, by C. C. Wells .....	18 42
"Hawes Fund," for C. H. M. S. ....	2 00	Suffield, First, by W. E. Russell, with prev. conts. to const. John R. Henshaw, of Suffield, a L. M. ....	49 00
Second, by H. E. Harrington, to const. Mrs. Lennie E. Clark, of Hartford, a L. M. ....	35 25	Thomaston, First, by H. A. Welton, for C. H. M. S. ....	9 28
Asylum Hill, Rev. William H. Moore, personal .....	400 00	Waterbury, First, by Lester M. Camp..	183 96
Park, by Willis E. Smith .....	50 00	Wilton, by B. Gilbert .....	38 00
Glenwood, by H. M. Smith .....	29 39	Winchester, by E. B. Bronson .....	41 34
Warburton Chapel, S. S., by J. Coolidge Hills .....	3 00	Windham, by William Swift .....	62 21
Litchfield, S. S., by Robert A. Catlin, for C. H. M. S. ....	7 00	Windsor, Poquonock, by L. R. Lord ...	3 06
Middletown, First, by E. P. Augur ....	25 00	W. C. H. M. U. of Conn., Mrs. George Follett, Secretary: Hartford, First, Junior Aux., by Mrs. M. W. Jacobus .....	10 00
Montville, by Henry A. Baker .....	24 38		\$1,486 07
Naugatuck, by Miss Ellen Spencer .....	6 00		
Norwich, First, by Lewis A. Hyde .....	100 00		
Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman ....	114 27		
For C. H. M. S. ....	10 73		
	10 73		

BOXES

Hartford, Park, a box .....

## ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in January, 1897. AARON B. MEAD, Treasurer*

Alton, Church of the Redeemer, special .....	\$215 00	Dover (Dea. George Wells, \$25) .....	\$35 00
Aurora, New England .....	19 20	Earlville .....	19 30
Batavia, Mrs. Lucy C. Bull .....	5 00	Elburn .....	11 35
Mrs. L. C. Patterson .....	10 00	Evanston, First, Mrs. Andrew Shuman .....	20 00
Big Rock, Mrs. Dr. Long .....	5 00	Fall Creek, Mrs. Margaretta Keil .....	50 00
Bunker Hill .....	2 00	Frankfort .....	19 17
Caledonia .....	5 00	Galesburg, Central .....	113 22
Chicago, Jefferson Park .....	20 00	Geneseo (Mrs. P. Huntington, \$5) .....	90 24
Millard Avenue .....	20 00	Granville .....	10 37
Mizpah Chapel .....	3 50	Gridley, Y. P. S. C. E. ....	3 25
Decatur .....	30 00	Grossdale .....	12 00

La Grange, Jun. C. E.....	\$5 00	Villa Ridge .....	\$5 00
Lee Center.....	26 00	Woman's Home Missionary Union:	
Marseilles, S. S.....	6 59	Chicago, New England .....	\$14 25
Melvin, Rev. William B. Humphrey...	20 00	Union Park .....	100 00
Mendon.....	3 50	Ravenswood.....	8 00
Morgan Park (S.S., \$5.10).....	12 50	Englewood, Pilgrim .....	2 50
Neponset, Y. P. S. C. E.....	7 50	Lombard.....	25 00
Norris City .....	25 50	Odell, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 50
Oak Park, W. F. Furbeck, special.....	10 00	Payson.....	5 00
Second Ch. (E. H. Pitkin, special, \$10)	23 14	Peoria, First .....	5 00
Payson, S. S.....	6 89	Sandwich .....	60 00
Peoria, Martin Kingman, special .....	5 00	Springfield, First .....	9 55
German Ch.....	3 30		232 80
Princeton, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 45		
Rockefeller, Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 29	Rev. J. A. Adams, Chicago .....	17 50
Sherrard.....	2 87	Mrs. S. A. Cooley, Chicago .....	10 00
Spring Valley, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00	Rev. K. E. Forsell.....	7 13
S. M. Dalzell, special .....	5 00	Friends in South Dakota.....	50 00
Sycamore.....	113 52	Rev. C. L. Westman, Vienna.....	2 50
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 00		\$1,365 58
Henry Wood .....	15 00		
Toulon, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00		

## MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts of the Michigan Home Missionary Society in February, 1897. REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, Treasurer

Alba .....	\$15 22	Almont, W. M. S.....	\$5 00
Allegan .....	21 00	Ann Arbor, W. H. M. S. of	
Berryville .....	1 71	which Children's Miss. Soc.	
Big Rock.....	10 00	gave \$20.....	92 00
Central Lake .....	4 15	Cheboygan, W. H. M. U.....	18 00
Chelsea .....	8 00	Clinton, W. M. S.....	12 00
Chesterfield .....	12 59	Cooper, W. M. S.....	6 00
Columbus .....	15 00	Detroit, Mt. Hope, L. A. S.....	15 00
Clinton .....	20 00	Brewster, L. H. M. S.....	10 00
Detroit, First .....	135 00	Farwell, W. H. M. S.....	5 22
East Paris .....	7 00	Gaylord, W. H. M. U.....	6 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00	Galesburg, W. H. M. S.....	26 00
Eastport .....	4 30	Grand Ledge, W. H. M. U.....	2 75
Ellsworth .....	3 54	Greenville, W. H. M. U.....	8 00
Excelsior .....	50	Jackson, First, W. H. M. S.....	2 40
Fisher's Station.....	4 00	Litchfield, L. M. S.....	12 20
Gilmore .....	1 23	Manistee, W. H. M. S.....	26 10
Grandville .....	10 00	Maybee, L. A. S.....	2 00
Grass Lake .....	20 09	Memphis, W. U.....	2 30
Hudsonville .....	20 00	Mulliken, W. H. M. U.....	1 60
Kalkaska .....	10 00	Muskegon, First, W. M. S.....	10 00
Laingsburg .....	2 50	Nashville, Mrs. M. R. Brice.....	2 00
Lansing, Plymouth .....	35 00	Olivet, L. B. S., \$15; thank-	
Lewiston .....	25 00	offering, \$21.35.....	36 35
Michigan Center .....	5 00	Oxford, W. A.....	2 67
Napoleon, Mrs. A. A. Rexford.....	10 00	Saginaw, W. A.....	75 00
O. F. Colgrove.....	8 00	South Lake Linden, W. U.....	6 00
North Leoni .....	3 00	Stanton, W. H. M. U.....	26 02
Northport .....	20 00	Three Oaks, W. M. S.....	6 65
Old Mission.....	23 80	West Adrian, W. M. S.....	8 70
Pleasanton.....	1 30	Wheatland, W. H. M. U.....	11 00
Rockford, \$12; S. S., \$4; Y. P. S. C. E.,		Whitaker, W. H. M. S.....	7 00
\$5.....	21 00		\$448 96
St. Joseph, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 00		
Salem, Second .....	5 65		
Stanton .....	18 18		
Tipton, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 00		
Vanderbilt .....	6 08		
Vienna .....	10 00		
West Branch .....	2 00		
Whittaker.....	10 43		
Wyandotte .....	38 10		
A Friend.....	52 28		
Another Friend.....	100 00		
W. H. M. U. of Mich., by Mrs. E. F.			
Grabill .....	442 71		
	\$1,170 36		

Receipts of W. H. M. U. of Michigan for February, 1897, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas.:

## SENIOR FUND

Addison, W. M. S..... \$5 00

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

Ann Arbor, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$10 00
Benton Harbor, Y. P. S. C. E.....	12 00
Detroit, First, Children's Mis-	
sionary Army.....	1 50
Flint, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 76
Kalamo, Y. P. S. C. E (Jan.)	60
Jackson, First, S. S., birthday	
box.....	13 00
Litchfield, Junior C. E. S.....	3 65
Muskegon, First, Y. L. M. C.	2 50
Oxford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 36
Light Bearers' Miss. Band	1 13
Pontiac, Y. P. S. C. E.....	8 50

57 00

\$505 69

## WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

### OFFICERS

#### 1. NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION

Organized August, 1804  
and

##### HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. Cyrus Sargeant, Plymouth.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. W. Nims, 16 Rumford St.,  
Concord.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie A. McFarland, 196 Main  
St., Concord.

#### 2. MINNESOTA

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1872

*President*, Miss Catherine W. Nichols, 230 E. 9th  
St., St. Paul.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. P. Lyon, 910 Sixth Ave., S.,  
Minneapolis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

#### 3. ALABAMA

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1877

Reorganized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. G. W. Andrews, Talladega.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, Montgomery.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Silsby, Talladega.

#### 4. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND \*

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIA- TION

Organized February, 1880

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 32 Congregational  
House, Boston.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, 32 Congrega-  
tional House, Boston.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Annie C. Bridgman, 32 Congre-  
gational House, Boston.

#### 5. MAINE

##### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Organized June, 1880

*President*, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-  
mond St., Bangor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 64 Grove St.,  
Bangor.

#### 6. MICHIGAN

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1881

*President*, Mrs. I. P. Powell, 76 Jefferson Ave.,  
Grand Rapids.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Cornelia C. Denison, 179 Lyon  
St., Grand Rapids.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

#### 7. KANSAS

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1881

*President*, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, 802 W. 12th St.,  
Topeka.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Parsons.

#### 8. OHIO

##### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1882

*President*, Mrs. Sydney Strong, Walnut Hills,  
Cincinnati.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. J. W. Moore, 513 The Ellington,  
Cleveland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. George B. Brown, 2116 Warren  
St., Toledo.

\* While the W. H. M. A. appears in the above list as a State body for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, it has certain auxiliaries elsewhere.

## 9. NEW YORK

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 511 Orange St., Syracuse.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, 508 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn.

## 10. WISCONSIN

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1883

*President*, Mrs. E. G. Updike, Madison.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. A. O. Wright, Madison.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. E. Smith, Madison.

## 11. NORTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1883

*President*, Mrs. N. M. Lander, Wahpeton.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

## 12. OREGON

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

*President*, Mrs. F. Eggert, The Hill, Portland.  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. D. D. Clarke, 447 E. 12th St., No. Portland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Palmer, 546 3d St., Portland.

## 13. WASHINGTON

INCLUDING NORTHERN IDAHO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized July, 1884

Reorganized June, 1889

*President*, Mrs. A. Judson Bailey, 704 Olympic Ave., Seattle.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 424 South K St., Tacoma.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. George, 620 Fourth Street, Seattle.

## 14. SOUTH DAKOTA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized September, 1884

*President*, Mrs. C. E. Corry, Columbia.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. B. H. Burtt, Huron.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. F. M. Wilcox, Huron.

## 15. CONNECTICUT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized January, 1885

*President*, Miss Ellen R. Camp, 9 Camp St., New Britain.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. T. Millard, 36 Lewis St., Hartford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

## 16. MISSOURI

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Henry Hopkins, 916 Holmes St., Kansas City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Ellis, 2456 Tracy Ave., Kansas City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. K. L. Mills, 1526 Wabash Ave., Kansas City.

## 17. ILLINOIS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1885

*President*, Mrs. Isaac Clafin, Lombard.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. A. Field, Wilmette.

## 18. IOWA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1886

*President*, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. H. Robbins, Grinnell.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Belle L. Bentley, W. Grand Ave., Des Moines.

## 19. CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Organized October, 1887

*President*, Mrs. E. S. Williams, Saratoga.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Howard, 911 Grove St., Oakland.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Haven, 1329 Harrison St., Oakland.

## 20. NEBRASKA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1887

*President*, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. Bross, 2904 Q St., Lincoln.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. Dawes, Crete.



## 21. FLORIDA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized February, 1888

*President*, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Interlachen.

## 22. INDIANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. A. Bell, 223 Broadway, Indianapolis.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. D. F. Coe, Elkhart.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. H. Ball, Anderson.

## 23. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1888

*President*, Mrs. Warren F. Day, 949 So. Hill St., Los Angeles.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, 1900 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside.

## 24. VERMONT

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1888

*President*, Mrs. W. J. Van Patten, Burlington.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. M. K. Paine, Windsor.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Rebecca P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

## 25. COLORADO

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

*Hon. Pres.*, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Whitewater.  
*President*, Mrs. E. R. Drake, 2739 Lafayette St., Denver.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, 309 31st Ave., Denver.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. B. C. Valentine, Highlands.

## 26. WYOMING

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1888

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. F. W. Powelson, Cheyenne.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. L. Whipple, Cheyenne.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Rock Springs.

## 27. GEORGIA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1888

*President*, Mrs. H. B. Wey, 253 Forest Ave., Atlanta.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. H. A. Kellam, 176 Ivy St., Atlanta.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

## 28. MISSISSIPPI

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. L. Harris, 1421 31st Ave., Meridian.  
*Secretary*, Miss Emma Redick, Tougaloo University, Tougaloo.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. H. Turner, 3112 12th St., Meridian.

## 29. LOUISIANA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. C. M. Crawford, Hammond.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Matilda Cabrière, 2812 Freret St., New Orleans.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. St. J. Hitchcock, 2436 Canal St., New Orleans.

## 30. ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

Organized April, 1889

*President*, Mrs. Ella S. Moore, Box 8, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. Jos. E. Smith, 304 Gilmer St., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. E. Moreland, 216 N. McNairy St., Nashville, Tenn.

## 31. NORTH CAROLINA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1889

*President*, Mrs. S. S. Sevier, McLeansville.  
*Secretary and Treasurer*, Miss A. E. Farrington, Oaks.

## 32. TEXAS

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized March, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. M. Wendelkin, Dallas.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. I. Carroll, 331 Grand Avenue, Dallas.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Gray, 297 So. Boulevard, Dallas.

## 33. MONTANA

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1890

*President*, Mrs. O. C. Clark, Missoula.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bell, 410 Dearborn Ave.,  
 Helena.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, Livingston.

## 34. PENNSYLVANIA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized June, 1890

*President*, Mrs. J. S. Upton, Ridgway.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Yennie, Ridgway.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. T. W. Jones, 511 Woodland Ter-  
 race, Philadelphia.

## 35. OKLAHOMA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1890

*President*, Mrs. W. M. Wellman, Darlington.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Harper, Oklahoma City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. B. Hammer, Oklahoma City.

## 36. NEW JERSEY

INCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND,  
 AND VIRGINIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF  
THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

Organized March, 1891

*President*, Mrs. A. H. Bradford, Montclair.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. F. J. Goodwin, Glen Ridge.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. H. Denison, 150 Belleville Ave.,  
 Newark.

## 37. UTAH

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1891

Reorganized December, 1892

*President*, Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, 135 Sixth East  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. L. E. Hall, 78 East First North  
 Street, Salt Lake City.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. D. Nutting, Third North and  
 Quince Streets, Salt Lake City.

## 38. INDIAN TERRITORY

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized April, 1892

*President*, Mrs. Fayette Hurd, Vinita.  
*Secretary*, Miss Louise Graper, Vinita.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Raymond, Vinita.

## 39. NEVADA

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized October, 1892

*President*, Mrs. L. J. Flint, Reno.  
*Secretary*, Miss Margaret N. Magill, Reno.  
*Treasurer*, Miss Mary Clow, Reno.

## 40. NEW MEXICO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized November, 1892

*President*, Mrs. E. H. Ashmun, Albuquerque.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. F. A. Burlingame, Albuquerque.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. McClaskey, Albuquerque.

## 41. BLACK HILLS, SO. DAKOTA

BLACK HILLS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
UNION

Organized October, 1893

*President*, Mrs. J. B. Gossage, Rapid City, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.  
*Secretary*, Miss Carrie Towner, Custer, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. S. Cushman, Deadwood, Black  
 Hills, South Dakota.

## 42. IDAHO

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Organized May, 1895

*President*, Mrs. R. B. Wright, Boise.  
*Secretary*, Mrs. C. E. Mason, Challis.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. G. L. Cole, Mountain Home.

